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BROCKTON MAN GUILTY IN FATAL STABBING OF CITY MAN

BROCKTON – A Brockton man has been convicted for his role in the stabbing death of a 22-year-old man, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

After a seven-day trial, a jury deliberated four hours before finding Adrian Gonsalves (DOB: 02-14-79) of Brockton guilty of one count of Voluntary Manslaughter. Brockton Superior Court Judge Richard Chin sentenced Gonsalves to serve 12-16 years in State Prison. The Commonwealth had recommended Gonsalves serve 16-18 years.

Brockton Police responded to a 911 call for a report of a stabbing at approximately 11:50 p.m. on July 19, 2014. Police arrived at the intersection of North Main and Court Streets and found 22-year-old David Smith suffering from three separate stab wounds, one to his left chest, one to his left arm and one to his left lower back. Smith was transported to Brockton Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

State Police Detectives along with Brockton Police interviewed eyewitnesses whose information led them to Gonsalves and Tyron Coney (DOB: 12/14/90). The investigation revealed that Gonsalves and Coney had run-ins with Smith in the past and that on July 19, 2014, the pair observed Smith and a group of people congregated in Perkins Park on North Main Street. While at the park, Gonsalves, Coney and Smith became involved in an altercation that turned physical and Gonsalves stabbed Smith.

Coney, who is charged with Murder, is scheduled to go to trial July 24th in Brockton Superior Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jennifer Sprague and Nathaniel Kennedy was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police.

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