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COMMONWEALTH PREVAILS IN APPEAL OF HOMICIDE CONVICTION

BROCKTON – The Massachusetts Appeals Court has affirmed the convictions against a man found guilty of stabbing a Brockton man to death, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

In November, 2016, a Plymouth County jury convicted Alfred Giannini Jr., now 43 years old, of Bridgewater, on one count of Voluntary Manslaughter in the death of Jeffrey Cicerano. Giannini was additionally found guilty of Breaking and Entering in the Daytime, Larceny from a Building, Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, and Failing to Stop for Police. In a bench trial that followed a jury verdict, Giannini was convicted of several habitual offender criminal penalty enhancements. Judge Robert C. Cosgrove sentenced Giannini to serve 25 years in State Prison to be followed by five years of probation.

At trial, the jury heard from witnesses who said that they met Cicerano and Giannini at 11 a.m. on August 21, 2013 at 117 Bellevue Avenue in Brockton. Giannini paced around with a large knife in his hand and one witness testified that Cicerano was seated when Giannini approached Cicerano from the left side and stabbed him in the chest. Giannini left the apartment and returned again before fleeing. A witness dialed 911 and emergency personnel responded to find Cicerano suffering from stab wounds. Cicerano was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton where he was pronounced dead at approximately 12:45 pm.

Giannini fled the scene to a nearby relative's residence in Brockton, where he stole clothing and a motor vehicle. Police later tracked the vehicle to Abington where Giannini engaged police in a motor vehicle pursuit. Giannini crashed the stolen vehicle in an industrial site in Abington, and then fled into a wooded area, where officers from the Massachusetts State Police, Brockton Police, Abington Police and Holbrook Police converged to locate him. After a threatening confrontation with police, Giannini was shot by an officer. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound.

Giannini appealed his convictions to the Massachusetts Appeals Court, raising issues regarding the admission of his prior convictions, an uncharged prior bad act, and jury instructions.

Today, in an unpublished decision, the Appeals Court affirmed the defendant's convictions.

“Today’s Appeals Court decision reinforces the fact that justice was done in this case,” DA Cruz said. “I am hopeful that the family of Jeffery Cicerano can now move forward with their lives.”

Assistant District Attorney Keith Garland handled the case before the Appeals Court while Assistant District Attorneys Richard Linehan and Jason Thomas prosecuted the case. The case investigation was led by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office and Brockton Police.

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