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**BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR HIS ROLE IN CITY
MURDER**

BROCKTON – A Brockton man has been found guilty for his role in the death of a city man, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today, after a 7-day trial, a jury deliberated several hours before finding Michael Pircio (DOB: 04/29/82) of Brockton, guilty of one count of Voluntary Manslaughter. Brockton Superior Court Judge Angel Kelley sentenced Pircio to serve 10-13 years in State Prison. The Commonwealth sought a Murder convictions against Pircio and recommended a sentence of 14-16 years in State Prison.

On February 21, 2017, at approximately 12:15 a.m., Brockton Police received a 911 call from a resident in an apartment at 18 Menlo Street for a report of an assault. The female caller reported that her boyfriend, identified by police as Pircio, had struck another man in the head twice with a roofing shovel. Brockton Police and emergency medical services responded to the scene and the victim was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton where he was pronounced dead of his injuries. The victim was identified as William James Porter (DOB: 10/6/87), who lived at that Menlo Street address.

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

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