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BROCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR FATAL SHOOTING

BROCKTON – A Brockton man convicted of fatally shooting a 27-year-old man has been sentenced to life in prison, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Today, Kian Willis, 24, of Brockton, was sentenced in Brockton Superior Court to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Yesterday, after an 8-day trial, a jury deliberated for three hours before finding Willis guilty of one count of Murder in the fatal shooting of 27 year-old Patrick Sequeira-Ferreira of Brockton.

At approximately 6:25 pm on November 12, 2018, Brockton Police received multiple 911 calls reporting a shooting in the area of Keith Avenue in Brockton. Upon arrival, officers located Sequeira-Ferreira on the ground suffering from gunshot wounds to the head. Sequeira-Ferreira was taken to Good Samaritan Medical Center before being med-flighted to Boston Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased as a result of his injuries.

Brockton Police contacted Massachusetts State Police Detectives in the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and an investigation commenced. As part of the investigation, detectives developed information that Willis was the last person to have contact with the victim by phone the night of the murder and was in the area of the shooting at the time of the shooting. State Police confirmed Willis and the victim were acquainted through Willis's job at the Office of Community Corrections (OCC), where Sequeira-Ferreira was a client. Police also obtained surveillance video and cell phone records as part of their investigation into Willis's role in the fatal shooting.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Shanan Buckingham and Jason Herron, and was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police.