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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced that on January 31, 2013, a jury convicted Deaundros L. Blackshear of First Degree Murder for the death of Junior Ferguson.

On November 15, 2011, Deaundros Blackshear along with co-defendant Arderius Warren arranged to purchase a pound of marijuana from Peter Frazier. Junior Ferguson rode to the transaction with Mr. Frazier. The parties met at Gulf Terrace Condominiums in Destin. Another co-defendant, Reginald Bradshaw, drove Blackshear and Warren to Destin. At Gulf Terrace Condominiums, Mr. Frazier handed the marijuana to the defendant. Before Mr. Warren handed the money to Mr. Frazier for payment, Mr. Blackshear opened fire shooting Mr. Frazier in the shoulder and shooting Mr. Ferguson twice in the chest. Blackshear, Warren and Bradshaw then fled the scene. Mr. Ferguson died at the scene from his injuries. Mr. Blackshear was arrested 2 weeks later in Madison County, Florida after being identified by Mr. Frazier and Mr. Bradshaw as the shooter.

After 2 days of testimony and evidence, the jury took 4 hours to convict Blackshear of First Degree Murder for the death of Junior Ferguson. Blackshear was found not guilty of the shooting of Mr. Frazier. The Court immediately sentenced Mr. Blackshear to Life without Parole.

The case was investigated by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office with Keith Matz as lead investigator and was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Angela Mason. For any further questions, please contact Angela Mason at (850) 651-7260.