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**Superior Court- Commonwealth v. Sheila Berry**

**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Sheila Berry (DOB: 7-4-75) was convicted today of first degree murder for the 8/14/02 homicide of Admilson Goncalves. The defendant was found guilty after a 6 day jury trial in Brockton Superior Court.

The Commonwealth presented evidence that Berry killed Goncalves on Spring Street in Brockton after striking him in the head with a cinderblock multiple times.

This is the second jury trial. The defendant was first convicted of first degree murder in March, 2006 but her conviction was overturned in 2010 after the Supreme Judicial Court determined that improper instructions were given to the jury.

The case was investigated by Detective Timothy Stanton and Trooper Christopher Dolan.

The case was tried before Superior Court Judge Linda Giles. Following the verdict, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison.

The case was prosecuted by ADA Karen O'Sullivan and ADA Donna Riordan.

District Attorney Timothy Cruz stated, *"Our thoughts go out to the family of Admilson Goncalves. This was a brutal and senseless murder and we hope that today's guilty verdict gives them some measure of justice. I also want to commend the hard work of the prosecutors and investigators who have remained committed to this case and this victim for over nine years."*

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