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**Superior Court- Commonwealth vs. Joao Teixeira**

**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Joao Teixeira of Brockton was convicted yesterday of First Degree Murder for the February 7, 2009 homicide of Keith Leverone. The defendant was found guilty after a 4 day jury trial in Brockton Superior Court.

The Commonwealth presented evidence that the defendant shot and killed Keith Leverone in the parking lot of the 7-11 on Belmont Street in Brockton as the victim sat in his brother's car. He died from a single gunshot wound to the head. The victim's brother was involved in an earlier altercation with the defendant.

The case was investigated by Trooper Brian Galvin.

The case was tried before Superior Court Judge Richard Chin. Following the verdict, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Karen O'Sullivan and Catherine Ham.

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