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BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR ROLE IN STABBING MURDER

BROCKTON – A Brockton man has been convicted on a manslaughter charge for his role in the stabbing death of a 22-year-old city man, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

After a 7-day trial, a Plymouth County jury deliberated several hours before finding Tyron Coney (DOB: 12-14-90) guilty of one count of Manslaughter. Judge Richard Chin sentenced Coney to serve 8-12 years in State Prison. The Commonwealth had requested that Coney serve 12-16 years. The jury found Coney not guilty of one count each of Assault and Battery and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon against a second victim in the case.

At approximately 11:50 pm on July 19, 2014, Brockton Police responded to a 911 call for a report of a man stabbed at the intersection of North Main and Court Streets. Police found the victim, David A. Smith, 22, suffering from three separate stab wounds. Smith was stabbed once on the left side of his chest, once in the left arm and once on his left lower back area. Smith was transported to Brockton Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

State Police and Brockton Police detectives interviewed eyewitnesses whose information led them to Coney. Jurors at trial heard testimony that Coney had had problems with Smith in the past and that, on the night of July 19, Coney observed Smith and several others in Perkins Park. While at the park, Coney and Smith became involved in an altercation that turned physical.

In May, a jury convicted Adrian Gonsalves (02-14-79) on one count of Voluntary Manslaughter in the stabbing of Smith. Gonsalves was sentenced to serve 12-16 years in State Prison.

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

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