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Press Release

Life sentence in 2011 Randolph Murder

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A Brockton man has been convicted of second degree murder for shooting and killing Kyle McManus outside his Randolph home on November 26, 2011, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey announced today.

Nathan Lugo, 21, was found guilty by a Norfolk Superior Court at roughly 2 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015, following two days of deliberation. He was also found guilty of armed robbery, conspiracy to violate the controlled substance law and illegal possession of the firearm and ammunition used in the robbery and murder.

McManus was shot to death as part of a botched drug rip-off. Co-defendant Allison Deshowitz had contacted McManus looking to purchase a quarter of a pound of marijuana for \$1,200 worth of marijuana. The plan was to steal the marijuana without paying – there was a struggle at the passenger side and Lugo, who was driving, drew a revolver and fired at close range, killing Mr. McManus.

Earlier in the day on Monday, while the jury was deliberating on Lugo, Deshowitz changed her plea to guilty of manslaughter and related charges. Judge Thomas Connors, who was also Lugo's trial judge, sentenced her to 12 years to 12 years and a day. She also admitted to robbery, and was given a concurrent sentence of 12 to 12 and a day on that charge. A count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery was guilty filed, and a sentence of 3 years' probation on the charge of conspiracy to violate the drug laws was ordered.

"Assistant District Attorneys Lynn Beland and Peggie Krippendorf did exceptional work in presenting a complex case to the jury over the course of two weeks. This jury was clearly thoughtful and clear sighted in their view of the evidence," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Our thoughts now are with Kyle McManus' family and the friends he left behind."