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Guilty Verdict in Attempted Murder For Hire Trial



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that OLAIJAIDE CHAPMAN, 25, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony, and (2) Counts of Assault in the First Degree, both Class B Felonies, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

CHAPMAN faces up to Life in State Prison when sentenced on June 22, 2016.

In April 2014, CHAPMAN did conspire with co-defendants to intentionally cause the death of a victim in exchange for a sum of US currency. Specifically, evidence at trial showed that CHAPMAN did offer \$2,000 to two other individuals to confront the victim, then a 24 year old Albany man, and kill him. As a result of that conspired interaction, on April 17, 2014, in the area of Garden and Raymo Streets in the City of Albany, the co-defendants did fire a handgun at close range into the victim's forehead, causing life threatening injuries and traumatic brain injury. The victim was left with permanent serious physical injuries that will require long-term care.

Co-Defendants DESONTE WELCH, now 21, and SHAQQEUSE SALMOND, now 22, both from Albany, previously pleaded guilty to their respective roles in the shooting.

WELCH pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, and faces up to 18 years in State Prison when sentenced at a later date.

SALMOND pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, and faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced at a later date.

Assistant District Attorney Shannon Corbitt, Bureau Chief of the Major Offenses Unit of the prosecuted this case.

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