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Sentencing in Albany Murder Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LAHQUANN GRADY, 22, of Albany, was sentenced to 25 years to Life, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning for his role in a fatal stabbing that took place on July 5, 2018.

On February 22, 2019, GRADY was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-I Felony, (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor.

On July 5, 2018, GRADY knowingly and unlawfully entered 297 Orange Street in the City of Albany with the intent to commit a crime therein, a residence which he was previously barred from entering by directive of an active Order of Protection. While inside, GRADY caused the death of Rashaun Byrd by stabbing him with a knife. In addition, the jury concluded that on a previous date of June 5, 2018, GRADY damaged the door at the same residence and stole a cell phone from a separate victim.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney and Major Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Corbitt prosecuted this case.

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