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## First Degree Manslaughter Conviction Upheld by NYS Appellate Division

*Defendant sentenced to 21 years in State Prison for Role in Death of Tyler Rhodes*



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Third Department unanimously upheld the 2012 conviction of DHORUBA SHUAIB, 21, formerly of Albany, for his role in the death of Tyler Rhodes. That decision can be found [here](#).

On April 30, 2011, DHORUBA SHUAIB, then 19, and JAH-LAH VANDERHORST, then 17, of Albany, caused the death of 17 year old Tyler Rhodes at Hoffman Park in the City of Albany by means of stabbing him in the heart with a knife.

On February 3, 2012, SHUAIB was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, under a statute for accessorial liability, meaning he intentionally behaved in a way that did cause the death of the victim. Specifically, SHUAIB gave VANDERHORST the knife and blocked the victim from escaping.

SHAUIB was sentenced to 21 years in State Prison, while VANDERHORST was convicted after a jury trial of (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, and sentenced to 25 years in State Prison.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Legal Affairs Bureau argued to uphold the conviction of this defendant.

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