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Jury convicts one of four suspects in brutal 2007 homicide

FORT PIERCE – Guilty on all counts is the verdict handed down by a jury in the first trial of the Edwina Jackson homicide.

Alden Benjamin White, 17, of Cocoa, FL was convicted of 2nd degree murder, attempted 2nd degree murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm which caused death. The trial began this week and culminated with today's conviction.

Chief R. Sean Baldwin recalls responding to the scene of the murder almost a year ago and feeling helpless and uncertain about whether the department would be able to solve this brutal crime.

"I am very pleased that we can offer the family of Edwina some justice," Chief Baldwin said.

White, the youngest of four suspects in custody, was arrested on October 3, 2007, at a juvenile half-way house in Bradenton, FL without incident. White was originally charged with first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder for his role in the crime.

The remaining suspects in custody are:

Jarell Eugene Bookhart, 22 (03/24/1985), of Brevard County, was arrested on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at the Brevard County Courthouse. He was charged with one count of first degree murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

George W. Dewey IV, 21 (07/28/1986), of Cocoa, FL was arrested Thursday, April 10, 2008. Dewey, who was in the Brevard County Jail on an unrelated charge, is charged with accessory after the fact of a capital felony for his role in the murder.

Jason Williams, 24 (04/16/08), of Cocoa, FL, was arrested on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, in a Cocoa apartment complex located at 800 N. Fisk Boulevard. Williams was arrested without incident and is charged with accessory after the fact of a capital felony for his role in the murder.

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