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Teen convicted in brutal 2007 homicide sentenced today

FORT PIERCE – The first suspect convicted for murdering Edwina Jackson a year and three days ago will be sentenced today.

Alden Benjamin White, 17 (07/11/1990) of Cocoa, FL, will be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. in Judge Cynthia Cox's courtroom at the St. Lucie County Courthouse. He was found guilty last month of 2nd degree murder, attempted 2nd degree murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm which caused death. He faces life in prison for his role in Jackson's homicide and the attempted murder of her boyfriend, Ricardo Thomas of Orlando, FL.

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.

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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