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## Seventeen-year-old gets to 2 consecutive life sentences

FORT PIERCE – Judge Cynthia Cox sentenced the first suspect convicted for murdering Edwina Jackson and shooting her boyfriend more than a year ago to two consecutive life sentences.

Alden Benjamin White, 17 (07/11/1990) of Cocoa, FL, was found guilty last month of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm which caused death. He faced life in prison for his role in Jackson's homicide and the attempted murder of 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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