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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announces that on November 19, 2021, Vincent Lenell Winchester was convicted by an Escambia County Jury of Second Degree Murder with a Firearm. Circuit Court Judge Coleman Lee Robinson presided over the two-day trial.

On the night of June 27, 2018, Abel Elijah Kane, age 18, was shot and killed in a robbery attempt outside the front gates of Oakwood Terrace Apartments in Escambia County, Florida. As a result of this incident, the Defendant, Kelijah Watson, and Demetrius Caesar were each indicted on First Degree Felony Murder charges. Kelijah Watson entered a plea on November 1, 2019, to the lesser-included offense of Robbery with a Weapon, and is set to be sentenced in December 2021. Demetrius Caesar's trial is currently set in January 2022.

The Defendant's sentencing date has not yet been set. He faces up to life in Florida's Department of Corrections.

The arrest and investigation was conducted by Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Amy Shea prosecuted the case. For more information, you may reach Ms. Shea at 850-595-4243.