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**TAUNTON MAN TO SERVE LIFE IN STATE PRISON FOR BROCKTON
DRIVEBY SHOOTING**

BROCKTON – A Taunton man will serve life in State Prison after being convicted for his role in a fatal shooting that left one man dead and a second man wounded, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

On November 27, 2017, after an 8-day trial, a jury deliberated 8 hours before finding Carlens Alain Louis (DOB: 01/25/89) of Taunton, guilty of First Degree Murder under a theory of deliberate premeditation, Armed Assault with Intent to Murder, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Unlawful Possession of a Loaded Firearm. Late yesterday, Brockton Superior Court Judge Angel Kelly Brown sentenced Louis to serve Life in Prison, followed by 10-20 years for the Armed Assault to Murder charge and 4-5 years on the Possession of a Firearm charge with one day from and after for the Unlawful Possession of a Loaded Firearm charge.

At just before 3 p.m. on April 22, 2013, Brockton Police received a call reporting that two people had been shot. The two gunshot victims drove themselves to a local ambulance company where they were then transported to local hospitals. One victim, identified as Vardley St. Felix (DOB: 04/06/90) of Brockton, was pronounced dead. St. Felix suffered gunshot wounds to the chest and back. A second male victim, identified as Stanley Damestoire (DOB: 06/19/84), was treated for a gunshot wound to the hip.

The investigation, led by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the Brockton Police, found that St. Felix and Damestoire, along with another individual were seated in a vehicle parked on the street in the area of 25 Coburn Street in Brockton. At that time, a Jeep Cherokee pulled alongside the victims' vehicle, driver's side to driver's side.

The operator of the Cherokee, identified as Louis, put down his window and pointed a 9mm semi-automatic handgun out his window and fired three shots into the victims' vehicle, striking St. Felix and Damestoire. Louis then drove away. Damestoire,

who was operating the victims' vehicle, drove the victims to AMR Ambulance at N. Main and East Ashland Streets, Brockton, where EMTs immediately began treating them for their wounds.

Later that evening, police developed information that led to the whereabouts of Louis and his co-defendant, Derrick Dennis, at a motel in Seekonk, and he was placed under arrest. The murder weapon was found secreted in a toilet tank, along with 12 live rounds of ammunition. Mr. Dennis is slated to be tried at a future date for his alleged role in the homicide.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joseph Janezic and was investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and Brockton Police.

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