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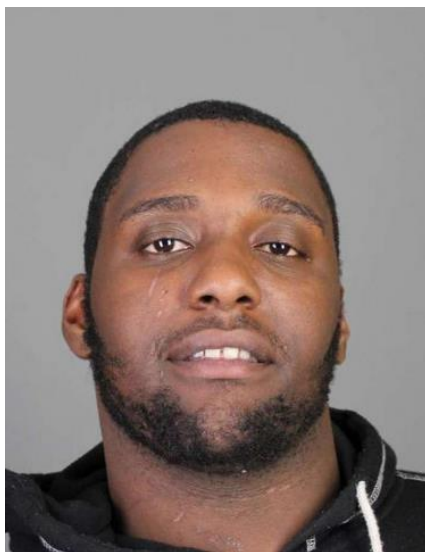
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Guilty Verdict after Albany Murder Trial



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that LAHQUANN GRADY, 22, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this afternoon for his role in a fatal stabbing that took place on July 5, 2018.

After hearing witness testimony and reviewing evidence at trial, the jury found GRADY guilty of (1) Count of Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-I Felony, (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor.

On July 5, 2018, GRADY knowingly and unlawfully entered 297 Orange Street in the City of Albany with the intent to commit a crime therein, a residence which he was previously barred from entering by directive of an active Order of Protection. While inside, GRADY caused the death of Rashaun Byrd by stabbing him with a knife. In addition, the jury concluded that on a previous date of June 5, 2018, GRADY damaged the door at the same residence and stole a cell phone from a separate victim.

GRADY remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. GRADY faces 25 years to Life in State Prison when sentenced on March 22, 2019.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney and Major Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Corbitt prosecuted this case.

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