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Guilty Verdict after Albany Robbery and Burglary Trial



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MALIK SHABAZZ, 34, of Schenectady, was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Robbery in the First Degree, each Class B Armed Violent Felonies, (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, and (2) Counts of Burglary in the First Degree, each Class B Armed Violent Felonies, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

After hearing testimony and reviewing evidence in a jury trial, jurors found that on July 17, 2017, in a residence on Providence Street in the City of Albany, SHABAZZ did knowingly and unlawfully enter a dwelling and forcibly stole property while armed with a loaded firearm. On the above stated date, SHABAZZ along with co-defendant LUIS DEJESUS, kicked in the door of a dwelling on Providence Street and entered while the two victims were home. SHABAZZ struck the male victim in the head with the gun as DEJESUS forcibly stole several personal items. As they fled the scene, a shot was fired at the male victim; the victim was not struck. He was treated for his injuries caused by being struck in the head. Both victims identified SHABAZZ and DEJESUS. A search warrant was executed for DEJESUS' home where police recovered two ski masks and a red bag belonging to the victim.

On February 14, 2018, DEJESUS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court. On April 16, 2018, DEJESUS was sentenced to 12 years in State Prison to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision. Assistant District Attorney Brittany Grome handled the prosecution of DEJESUS.

SHABAZZ was remanded after the verdict today and faces up to 25 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on June 27, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Offense Unit and Assistant District Attorney Collin D'Arcy of the General Felony Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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