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Persistent Violent Felon Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for Albany Murder



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NESHAD GRADY, 24, of Albany, was sentenced to 25 years to Life in State Prison before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court for his role in the July 2018 murder of Khalil Barnes.

On August 22, 2019, GRADY was found guilty of (1) Count of Murder in the Second Degree, a Class A-I Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony.

After hearing testimony and reviewing evidence at trial, the jury concluded that on July 14, 2018, at approximately 12:30 A.M., in the area of 68 Quail Street in the City of Albany, GRADY did cause the death of Khalil Barnes by means of shooting him with an illegally possessed loaded handgun.

Additionally, GRADY was sentenced to (10) years in State Prison for a separate illegal gun possession charge stemming from a November 2018 arrest in the City of Albany. GRADY previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony. The sentences imposed today will run concurrent.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler and Assistant District Attorney Michael Wetmore are handling the prosecution of this case.

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