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St. John Man Convicted Of 2012 Murder

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A young man has lost his freedom after a V.I. Superior Court jury unanimously convicted him of a 2012 murder that occurred on St. John, the V.I. Department of Justice announced Thursday.

Following two days of testimony and after a day and half of deliberations, the 12-member jury found Ralph Titre, 27, of Hard Labor, St. John, guilty of nine of the 10 charges he faced – four counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm during the commission of or attempted commission of a crime of violence, one count each of second-degree murder, first-degree assault, third-degree assault, first-degree reckless endangerment, and destruction of evidence – in connection with the Aug. 17, 2012, shooting death of Tiny Jah Jarvis.

In commenting on the outcome of the trial, Attorney General Claude Earl Walker said, "We are pleased with the outcome, in that justice has been achieved, especially for the Jarvis family."

Prosecutors relied on the testimony of several witnesses, including Crystal Turnbull and her sister, Shereka Turnbull, to prove their case. Both of the sisters testified that they were at Belle Vue and they witnessed Titre shoot Jarvis.

Titre, who was free on bail pending his trial, was immediately remanded into custody following the jury verdict.

V.I. Superior Court Judge Michael Dunston has scheduled March 22, 2017, as the date for Titre's sentencing.

The trial was prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Eugene James Connor, Jr and Quincy McRae.