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District Attorney Hoovler Announces Guilty Plea in City of Newburgh Homicide

Defendant Shot Victim After Verbal Dispute

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Thursday, July 27, 2017, Devin Isaac, age 18, of Newburgh, pled guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, in connection with the August 1, 2016, killing of a man on a City of Newburgh street. Isaac is expected to receive a prison sentence of eighteen years, followed by a period of post-release supervision, when he is sentenced on September 7, 2017, before County Court Judge Nicholas De Rosa. Isaac's prison sentence is expected to run consecutively to the sentence on an unrelated gun charge pending against him in Staten Island.

On August 1, 2017, on South Street in the City of Newburgh, the victim and another man got into a brief argument, with Isaac nearby. At the end of that argument, the third man told Isaac to shoot the victim, and Isaac shot the unarmed victim once in the torso. The victim was driven to the hospital by another person, and although the victim walked into the hospital on his own, he later died from the gunshot wound. After the shooting, Isaac fled the area, but was eventually captured three weeks later on Staten Island, where he was in possession of a gun, which was not the gun that he used in the homicide. The gun used in the homicide was never recovered.

District Attorney Hoovler thanked the City of Newburgh Police Department and the New York State Police for their efforts in the investigation and prosecution of the case.

“Senseless shootings destroy communities,” said District Attorney Hoovler, “and the City of Newburgh is no exception to that rule. Law enforcement is making progress in combating violence in Newburgh, but there is still a long way to go. We cannot tolerate acts of violence committed by people who use them to settle petty disputes, and my office will continue to use every lawful means at its disposal to prevent gun violence, and to bring to justice those who use it. Through vigorous law enforcement efforts and community outreach, we hope to make the City of Newburgh a better and safer place to live.”

District Attorney Hoovler commended Senior Assistant District Attorney Kelle Grimmer for her prosecution of the case.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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