

Conviction in 2018 Dover Murder

Other defendants face prison time for murder, weapons, and drug charges

Ahmir Bailey, 20, of Lincoln, will spend the rest of his life in prison after being convicted by a Superior Court jury of murdering a 20-year-old Smyrna man. In May 2018, Bailey and a co-defendant, Eugene Riley, 19, of Milford, got into an argument with Jameir Vann-Robinson, of Smyrna, as Vann-Robinson and a friend left a house party on Mitscher Road in Dover. During the argument, Bailey and Riley fired several shots, one of which fatally struck Vann-Robinson in the back. The bullets used in the attack had been stolen from a sporting goods store a few days earlier. The jury convicted Bailey of Murder First Degree, Attempted Murder First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Shoplifting, and Conspiracy Third Degree. A Superior Court judge also found Bailey guilty of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited. Bailey, who was barred from having a gun because of a juvenile adjudication for a violent crime, will be sentenced in January. Riley is scheduled for trial in December. Deputy Attorneys General Greg Babowal and Kevin Smith prosecuted the case. The investigation was led by Detective Schmid of the Dover Police Department.

A Seaford man was sentenced to more than 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to a 2017 murder. Deputy Attorneys General David Hume and Caroline Brittingham secured the plea from Michael Moore, 49. In September 2017, Seaford Police received a missing person's report about 28-year-old Donnell Davis, of Laurel, who was last seen arguing with Moore at Moore's home. Moore was arrested in February 2018 after evidence linked him to human remains—later identified as

Davis—found in a wooded area in Federalsburg, Maryland. Moore pleaded guilty to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. A Superior Court judge immediately sentenced Moore to 22 years in prison followed by 10 years of probation. Paralegal Kristan Hudson and social workers Laurel Braunstein and Monserrat Matos assisted with the case, along with Detective Jon King and the Delaware State Police Homicide and Major Crimes Units.

A man running a drug operation in Dover pleaded guilty in Superior Court to Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon and 2 counts of Drug Dealing Tier 4. In February 2019, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol intercepted a package for Michael Palmer, 32, that contained approximately 150 grams of MDMA, commonly known as “Molly.” Palmer was arrested after accepting the package and was also found to be in possession of heroin, LSD, cocaine, marijuana, and a 9mm semi-automatic handgun.. A judge will sentence Palmer in November. Deputy Attorneys General Nicole Hartman and Sean Motoyoshi prosecuted the case. The arrest was a joint operation between Dover Police and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations