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Press Release

Guilty verdict in Randolph shooting

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A 39 year old Randolph man has been found guilty of first-degree murder in the February 2016 shooting of Drake Scott outside a now-defunct Randolph night club, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

"Drake Scott was just 23 when his life was taken," District Attorney Morrissey said. "He had just finished a musical performance, another step forward in a life he wanted to dedicate to music. He came down from the stage and walked outside when he was shot at point blank range."

Gregory Wright was taken into custody not far from where he shot Mr. Scott in the head and then repeatedly as he lay defenseless on the ground, DA Morrissey said. "Randolph police were in the vicinity and arrived on scene almost immediately."

A Norfolk Superior Court Jury required less than a full day of deliberation before returning the guilty verdict about 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., Judge Maynard Kirpalani imposed the statutory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. The victim's mother, accompanied by a daughter, delivered a victim impact statement.

The jury rejected the defendant's testimony that exposure to traumatic events in his earlier life had caused him to have an extreme PTSD reaction, during which he shot the victim – who was unarmed – in an act of severe paranoia. The men had no interaction prior to the execution. Mr. Scott was from Boston, in Randolph that night to perform at the now-closed City Limits Saloon on North Main Street.

"Assistant District Attorneys Greg Connor and Danielle Piccarini, and Victim Witness Advocate Pamela Friedman worked together to present a very complete and professional prosecution to this jury. Randolph and State Police officers, including Randolph Detective Richard Brewer and State Police Trooper Brian Tully, conducted a fair and thorough investigation," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The jury had all they needed to hold Mr. Wright accountable for this terrible waste of young life. My thoughts are very much with Mr. Scott's family."