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Press Release

Conviction Upheld in 2006 Shooting Murder in Quincy

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A 49-year old Mattapan man will remain in prison, sentenced to life without parole for the January 9, 2006 murder of Jamal Vaughn outside a Quincy apartment, the state's highest court ruled today, (February 24, 2017), according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

In a 24-page decision, the Supreme Judicial Court rejected both Deryck Long's appeal and his motion for new trial, according to District Attorney Morrissey. The court had heard arguments on the case on October 11, 2016.

"We are gratified that the SJC has affirmed the first-degree murder conviction and rejected Long's claims that mistakes by his attorney and a motions judge should disturb the verdict," District Attorney Morrissey said.

"Although the murder precedes my tenure as District Attorney, my review of the evidence shows very clearly that Long drove to Willard Street in Quincy that night armed and with the intention of murdering Mr. Vaughn. I am pleased for Mr. Vaughn's family and friends that the SJC has put this to rest."

Long was convicted by a Norfolk Superior Court jury in 2011. Hours before the murder, Long and Vaughn had been in a brief altercation while Long was retrieving belongings from an apartment where he had frequently stayed with a former girlfriend.

"The investigation by Quincy Police and State Police detectives attached to the District Attorney's Office put together a solid body of evidence," District Attorney Morrissey said. "They deserve great credit for the strength of that investigation; Assistant District Attorneys Pamela Alford, who argued the appeal, and ADA Craig Kowalski deserve recognition for the hard work that led to this successful result."