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Press Release

One guilty plea, one guilty verdict in 2020 Dedham robberies

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One man pleaded guilty and a second was convicted by a Superior Court jury this week in the armed robbery of a Dedham market and the attempted armed robbery of a gas station that ended with the attendant being shot in the leg, breaking his femur and causing lasting damage, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

The crimes occurred in February of 2020.

"Both of these crimes had substantial barriers to being solved," District Attorney Morrissey said. "The men were masked, there were no usable finger prints or DNA evidence left behind. The Dedham Police solved these crimes with a combination of strong electronic forensics work, cooperation with their partners in federal law enforcement, and professional detective work."

After a Norfolk Superior Court jury had been empaneled on May 24, 2022, Franklin Dume, 21, of Roslindale, admitted to Armed Assault with Intent to Rob, Attempted Masked Armed Robbery and Armed Robbery before Judge Beverly Cannone. Assistant District Attorney Greg Connor asked Judge Cannone to impose a prison term of 5 to 7 ½ years; defense attorney Darryl Malden asked for a 3-year sentence. Judge Cannone imposed a sentence of 4 ½ to 6 years in state prison, followed by 2 years of probation supervision.

His co-defendant, Steven Martinez-Santana, 21, of Dorchester, was tried before that jury until May 31, 2022. The jury found him guilty of Armed Assault to Rob, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Masked Armed Robbery and Unlawfully Carrying a Firearm. ADA Connor requested, and Judge Cannone imposed, a term of 8 to 10 years in state prison.

"A few inches in the wrong direction and that bullet could have severed the victim's femoral artery, putting his life in even greater danger," District Attorney Morrissey said. "Dedham Police detectives and their partners in the State Police and FBI deserve credit for some excellent work here, but above all else we are grateful that the shooting victim survived."