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JARED YOUNG CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE FOR THE DECEMBER 2016 SHOOTING OF DAVID TALLY, AFTER HIS FIRST CONVICTION WAS REVERSED ON APPEAL, AND REMANDED FOR A NEW TRIAL

Twelfth Judicial District Attorney, Scot D. Key, announces an Otero County jury has again found Jared Young, age 24, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, guilty of Second-Degree Murder for the December 2016 shooting of David Talley. The initial conviction was reversed on appeal and remanded for a new trial stemming from his initial conviction in 2018. The retrial lasted three days and was held before the Honorable District Judge, Steven Blankinship. The jury deliberated a relatively short period, approximately three hours, before returning a guilty verdict.

On June 29, 2018, an Otero County jury had found Jared Young guilty of Second-Degree Murder in this same matter. Soon after this conviction, Jared Young filed an appeal of his conviction on October 4, 2018. In said Appeal, the Defendant claimed the District Court erred in denying his requested jury instruction on Involuntary Manslaughter, a lesser included offense of Second-Degree Murder. Ultimately, the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Defendant's claims, which in turn, granted a reversal of his conviction and remand for a new trial.

Details from the crime began on December 18, 2016, when Alamogordo Police Department (APD) received a 911 call from a resident on the 3400 block of Fayne Lane, reporting he was awoken by a gunshot. Otero County Sheriff's Deputies and APD Officers responded to the area and found Young and his roommate standing outside of the residence located at 3407 Fayne Lane. Young and the roommate initially told officers that Young had shot a man he thought was illegally entering their home. After shooting the man, Young allegedly realized it was his friend and co-worker.

Officers subsequently found David Tally, the victim, still breathing in the trailer with a single gunshot wound to his head. Tally was taken to Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center where he later died from his wound. Detectives from APD and an Investigator with the District Attorney's (DA's) Office began interviewing Young and his roommate. After executing search warrants on the residence, it became clear that Young and his roommate were being deceitful in their narrative.

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Young eventually admitted the initial story was a lie after being confronted with the physical evidence at the scene. He testified at the trial that he thought the .40 caliber S&W pistol was unloaded and he was joking around with Tally when he shot him.

The evidence revealed after the shooting that Young did not call 911, but rather, fled the scene, and conspired with his roommate to provide the home invasion narrative to Law Enforcement. Young had been under the influence of Methamphetamine and awake for approximately two or three days at the time. Investigators were unable to determine the true motive behind the crime.

The parties appeared for the scheduled three-day trial from April 25, 2022, through April 29, 2022, where Young was convicted of Second-Degree Murder.

Sentencing was held and once again, Jared Young was sentenced to the maximum of 20 years and 14 days incarceration in the New Mexico Department of Corrections. This sentence being the same amount of time as his initial conviction on June 29, 2018.

This case was investigated by the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office Investigation Unit and the Alamogordo Police Department.

Young's case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney, James A. Dickens, and Senior Trial Attorney, Brandi C. Red of the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office.

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