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Brazos County Jury Sentences Defendant to Life in Prison For Murder

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A Brazos County jury sentenced Marcus Watson to Life in prison today after convicting him of Murder for the 2012 shooting death of Trevor Williams, a citizen of Bryan.

During the trial, prosecutors presented evidence showing that on October 21, 2012, Watson and two other men went to the home of Trevor Williams to purchase marijuana. After arriving, Watson instead decided to rob Williams. Watson then entered Williams' apartment with a gun and shot him in the head at close range. Prosecutors offered testimony that moments after the shooting, Watson admitted to a friend that he killed someone.

Prosecutors called an agent with the United States Secret Service to testify to records contained in Watson's cell phone. These records corroborated prosecution witnesses' testimony regarding the drug deal and Watson's communications in the minutes after the murder.

During the punishment phase, prosecutors revealed that Watson is a member of the "Bloods" criminal street gang. They also presented evidence of Watson's behavior in the Brazos County jail while awaiting trial, which included fights with rival gang members and sexual harassment of female jail staff.

Prosecutors also provided evidence of Watson's criminal history for the jury. At the time of the murder, Watson was on probation for Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance. He also had prior convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana. In 2005, Watson was placed on Juvenile probation in Austin County, Texas for Aggravated Assault in connection with a beating of a high school classmate.





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The case was investigated by Detectives from the Bryan Police Department, the College Station Police Department, Investigators from the District Attorney's Office, the United States Secret Service, and the Texas Rangers.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Brian Baker and Ryan Calvert.

“Senseless violence in pursuit of drugs has become far too common and threatens the safety of this community. We think the jury’s verdict and sentence sends a strong message and is the first step in protecting us all.”

“Violence will not be tolerated in any form. We have faith that this sentence will serve as a warning to anyone considering violence in an attempt to steal drugs or victimize any citizen of this county.”

-- Brian Baker & Ryan Calvert, Assistant District Attorneys

