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Press Release

Guilty Verdict in 2010 Murder of Karneetha Sanders

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An Abington man has been convicted of first degree murder for killing his ex-girlfriend, then trying to dispose of her body in the basement of his family beauty shop in Randolph in July of 2010.

Edward Aduayi was taken into custody at the scene by Randolph police who were searching for Karneetha Sanders, 28, in the early morning hours of July 8, 2010.

"This was a shocking and unconscionable act of domestic violence murder," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said following the verdict. "We thank this jury for their service. It is our hope that, with their verdict, Karneetha Sanders surviving friends and family can take whatever small measure of comfort the criminal justice system can provide. We are profoundly sorry for their loss."

Jury selection for the trial began March 11, 2015. Closing arguments were April 2. The jury began deliberating about noon Thursday and returned their verdict at 2 p.m. Friday.

"The Randolph Police Department did excellent work locating the site and arresting Aduayi at the scene," District Attorney Morrissey said. "I am thankful to them for the strength of the evidence in the case, to the State Police detectives involved, to Assistant District Attorneys Greg Connor and David Omiunu, and Victim Witness Advocate Maureen Russell, for their work and professionalism throughout the trial."

Ms. Sanders parents gave emotional victim impact statements following the verdict, graciously thanking those responsible for the investigation and prosecution, but also reminding those present in court that the 17 days of testimony and trial could not offer a complete picture of the wonderful and loving daughter they had lost.

Following victim impact statements, Norfolk Superior Court Judge Raymond J. Brassard sentenced Aduayi to life in prison without opportunity for parole. He has been taken to MCI-Cedar Junction to begin his sentence.