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DA McMahon: Staten Island Man Sentenced to 28 Years to Life in Prison for Murder of Pregnant Girlfriend

Keith Jackson was found guilty for the murder of Bridget Shenk

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that KEITH JACKSON was sentenced to 28 ½ - 32 years to life in prison after previously being convicted of Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second and Third Degrees for fatally shooting his girlfriend, Bridget Shenk.

JACKSON was previously found guilty following a two week jury trial in state Supreme Court, St. George, before Judge William E. Garnett. The judge today sentenced the defendant to the maximum 25 years to life in prison on Murder in the Second Degree; on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, the defendant was sentenced to 15 years plus 5 years post release supervision, to run concurrent. Additionally, on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, the defendant was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years, to run consecutive, totaling 28 1/2 -32 years to life in prison.

“This defendant murdered his girlfriend in cold blood, tragically cutting her life short with two gunshots to her back. Because of his senseless act of violence, the victim’s family had their loved one needlessly torn from their lives forever,” **said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** “This sentence holds the defendant fully accountable for the life he took, and, I hope, provides closure to the victim’s family and friends. I commend ADAs Lisa Davis and Timothy Richard for vigorously prosecuting this case and fighting on behalf of domestic violence victims.”

On or about December 21, 2017, at approximately 5 a.m., inside 175 Trantor Place, JACKSON shot Bridget Shenk, 35, two times in the back with a firearm. The victim was three months pregnant at the time of her death.

The case was prosecuted by ADAs Lisa Davis and Timothy Richard.

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