

Jury convicts Spotsylvania man of shooting two in motel parking lot

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A Spotsylvania jury recommended a 13-year prison sentence Friday night for a man who shot two people during an Oct. 4 altercation in the parking lot of a motel in the county.

Alonzo Devon White, 28, was convicted of two counts of unlawful wounding, shooting into an occupied vehicle and possessing a firearm as a violent felon. He was cleared of two firearms charges and two malicious wounding charges were reduced.

White will be formally sentenced June 8 in Spotsylvania Circuit Court.

According to the evidence presented by prosecutors Jeff Adams and Allan Budny, the shooting took place at the Super Value Inn in the Massaponax area shortly after 5 p.m. The victims, Leandru Toney and Brandy Bailey, were gone by the time deputies arrived, but numerous shell casings were found in the parking lot.

White was arrested in a room at the motel. Investigators later learned that the victims had gone to a local hospital, where they were treated and released.

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The prosecution evidence showed that White fired 17 shots during the incident, striking Bailey three times and Toney once.

Sarah Lewis, White's fiancée, testified that White gave her the gun and she threw it off the bridge on the Blue and Gray Parkway.

The victims in the Spotsylvania shooting were also victims in a home-invasion robbery the previous night on Ivanhoe Court in Fredericksburg. White and Lewis are charged with robbery and other offenses in that incident and have trials scheduled for April 20 in Fredericksburg Circuit Court.

At a preliminary hearing in connection with the Fredericksburg robbery, Lewis testified that she didn't want to be involved, but did so because she loved White and "wanted to prove myself."

Toney did not show up for Friday's trial in Spotsylvania. Bailey said she didn't realize what was going on in Spotsylvania until Toney drove into the motel parking lot.

Attorney Christopher Reyes, who is representing White, contended that his client acted in self-defense. No defense witnesses testified Friday.



White



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