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Benton Guilty of Murder in Shooting Death of 6-Year-Old Jonaries Holden

FLINT – A Genesee County Circuit Court jury has found Davontrae J. Benton guilty in the murder of 6-year-old Jonaries Holden, reported Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton immediately after the verdict was read.



Benton, 26 (d.o.b. 10-20-1985), of Flint (in picture on left), was found guilty of Second Degree Murder, four counts of Assault with Intent to Murder, and Felony Firearm in the November 1, 2010 shooting death of Jonaries on Flint Park Boulevard near King Avenue in Flint.

According to testimony, Jonaries' father and his girlfriend, Jonaries and two other children were in a car when Benton approached them to ask about a \$60 debt that Benton was owed. Holden claimed Benton then fired a shot that hit his son.

"There are never any winners in a situation like this," said Prosecutor David Leyton.

"But, I can tell you that justice has been served and I am pleased that we were able to convict this man and hold him accountable for his actions in the death of little Jonaries Holden," he said.

A sentencing date has been set for April 30th.

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