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JURY CONVICTS FLINT MAN OF ARMED ROBBERY AND RELATED OFFENSES

FLINT -- A jury this afternoon convicted a Flint man on all counts related to an armed robbery that occurred late last year on Clio Rd. in the City of Flint.

Cavanta Danyell McLilly, 38 (d.o.b. 10-15-74), was convicted of five felonies including armed robbery, assault with intent to murder, carrying a concealed weapon, felon in possession of a firearm, and felony firearm for shooting a store clerk during a robbery of a local gas station.

According to testimony during the trial, three teenagers entered a BP gas station convenience store on Clio Road shortly after 1:00 AM on December 21, 2012. They asked the clerk if they could exchange a bottle of pop for another and were told they could. One of the young men went back to the cooler area and pulled out a glass bottle which he then dropped on the floor causing it to break. The store clerk then ordered the three to leave the store which they did.

A few minutes after the three teenagers left the store, the clerk exited from behind the cash register and protective glass wall and went toward the beverage cooler area to clean up the debris from the broken bottle. Within seconds, McLilly and another man entered the store, confronted the clerk and robbed the store. McLilly was not satisfied with the amount of money and demanded more before firing his gun at the clerk at close range. The clerk survived a gunshot wound to his chest.

After Flint police highlighted the robbery on the news using still images from the store video, the three teenagers involved with the pop bottle exchange turned themselves in to the police and stated that McLilly had offered them \$100 to go into the store and break a bottle on the floor. The teens never received any money.

"Justice has been served with the conviction of Cavanta McLilly," said Prosecutor David Leyton. "The Flint police, with the assistance of Michigan State Police, did an outstanding job in their immediate response to the robbery and it was their quick action to get the video evidence out to the media that helped solve the case," he said.

McLilly faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced on September 27, 2013.

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