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JURY CONVICTS MAN OF ARMED ROBBERY, ASSAULT, AND GUN CRIMES

FLINT -- According to Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton, a jury has found a 42-year old Flint man guilty of armed robbery, assault, and gun charges related to an incident last May.

According to trial testimony, Thomas George Manuel, Jr., 42 (d.o.b. 3-05-71), was at a house in Genesee Township on May 11, 2012 with his sister and another man and woman. The group was smoking crack cocaine when, at one point, Manuel became angry with the other female and accused her of holding back on sharing the crack cocaine. At this point, Manuel pulls out a gun and demands all of the female's stuff. Manuel's sister then took the female's cell phone and keys along with a rock of cocaine and then Manuel shot the victim in the abdomen and left the house. After being shot, the victim ran out the back door to a neighbor's house and 9-1-1 was called.

The jury convicted Manuel of armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, felon in possession of a firearm, and felony firearm.

Manuel has several prior felony convictions on his record and faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced on May 1, 2013.

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