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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County jury found a self-proclaimed white supremacist and skinhead guilty of murder Monday for gunning down an African American married mother of two on Dec. 16, 2005 in the Regal Cinema parking lot in Hamilton Township, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Walter Anthony Dille Jr., 40, was convicted of murder, carjacking, robbery, two counts of felony murder – one for the carjacking and one for the robbery, tampering with physical evidence, hindering apprehension and weapons offenses, in connection with the death of Cindy Cade, 44, of Seminole Drive in Galloway Township.

The trial began Jan. 12. Closing arguments were last Wednesday and the jury deliberated for nearly 11 hours over three days before reaching its verdict on all 11 counts at 10:14 a.m. Monday. Dille faces life in prison without the possibility of parole at sentencing April 3 before Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo.

Moments after the jury forewoman went down each count and said “Guilty.” the victim’s husband Marcus Cade, the couple’s two sons, and many other family and friends left the courtroom, some tear-eyed, some hugging.

“For the last three years Marcus Cade and his family have had nothing but memories,” First Assistant Prosecutor Murray Talasnik who handled the State’s case said. “The hope is that with this verdict they can now add justice and peace.”

Dille, who has no permanent address, has been in jail pending legal proceedings in lieu of \$1 million cash bail. After the verdict was read he spoke with his attorney Joseph Grassi but appeared to show little emotion.

Cade went to the movie theater the day of the shooting to buy tickets for a show that night. She died from a single gunshot wound to her head. During the trial one of two eyewitnesses detailed how Dille yelled to her to get back in the car. The killer fired a shot at close range and fled.

Cade was a systems programmer for Ameritelephone in Egg Harbor Township. A 911

call came in near 11:30 a.m. the day of the shooting. When authorities arrived they found Cade slouched over toward the passenger side, in her company car. Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park pronounced Cade dead at the scene.

During the trial evidence revealed how Dille intended to rob Cade and steal her car. As she was getting out of her vehicle, Dille walked up to the victim, told her to get back in the car and fired the gun at her head at close range. During the State's case First Assistant Talasnik focused on eyewitness testimony of a woman who identified Dille as the shooter. Several law enforcement officers who assisted in the search for the killer also took the stand. Prosecutor's Office Detective Michael Alimenti told the jury that he found Dille in the woods behind the Wawa and the Inland Estates trailer park. Detective Alimenti also said Dille commented that people were searching for him. He also told Alimenti that his (the defendant's) life was over.

During the trial Dille's ex-girlfriend Amanda Hull also testified for the State. She told the jury Dille called her and said he had a gun and planned on stealing a car so that he could be with her. A short while later Cade was dead in her vehicle. Although Dille did not steal Cade's company car, First Assistant Talasnik explained to the jury last week that perhaps Dille could not find the keys, or maybe he got scared when he realized that he had just killed someone.

Dille took off and a massive search began which included various law enforcement agencies. State Police Helicopters circled the area and K-9 Units from several police departments as well as members of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office searched the surrounding area. Detective Alimenti located Dille at 3:30 p.m. that day and arrested him. He was charged with murder the next day.

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