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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic City man faces life in prison after being convicted of murder in connection with the 2006 death of a Camden County man, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Monday.

Louis Williams, 34, was found guilty of fatally shooting Delrico Herring. By 1:30 p.m. Monday afternoon Sheriffs officers lined the courtroom. The verdict was in. After the two-week trial and nine hours of deliberations the victim's family was able to see their loved one's killer convicted.

On June 13, 2006, Egg Harbor Township received information that a body was in the driveway at 225 Zion Road. Police responded and found blood but no body. The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit conducted the investigation with local police. Herring's body was discovered two days later.

"I'm glad the jury had the courage to hang in there and examine the evidence and reach a just verdict," according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Chet Wiech.

Herring's mother, siblings and his children attended much of the trial. They were visibly moved by the verdict.

Williams was found guilty of murder, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, endangering an injured victim, theft of an automobile, hindering apprehension and desecrating human remains. The jury then deliberated and convicted the defendant of a separate count: possession of a weapon by a convicted person. A jury is not allowed to learn of the defendant's prior criminal history, which is why deliberations on such counts must be done after the verdict.

"All of the credit goes to law enforcement in this case. The Egg Harbor Township Police Department, the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, the Amarillo, Texas Police Department, the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office and the Philadelphia Police Department. They all share in the victory today."

Williams fatally shot Herring, of Sicklerville, on June 13, 2006 in the driveway of resident Phillip Schwartzbeck, at 225 Zion Road. Williams took off and was a fugitive until July 2007 when he was apprehended in Philadelphia.

During opening statements jurors heard Chief Assistant Prosecutor Wiech detail how Williams killed the man and then disposed of the body. The jury heard from Schwartzbeck and Preston "Nick" Milbourne III. Schwartzbeck testified that he and Milbourne returned to Schwartzbeck's home, discovered Herring's body and put it in the trunk of Milbourne's vehicle. Schwartzbeck then returned to work. That night Milbourne and Williams dumped Herring's body in a wooded area off West Jersey Avenue in Hamilton Township. Schwartzbeck and Milbourne entered into plea agreements prior to the trial. Schwartzbeck was admitted into the Pre-Trial Intervention program for the count of tampering with evidence. Milbourne received a five-year suspended prison sentence for hindering apprehension.

"The defendant was looking to blame Nick from the moment the defendant was pulling the trigger," Chief Assistant Prosecutor Wiech stated.

Williams will be sentenced at 8:45 a.m. on June 18 before Superior Court Judge Michael A. Donio.

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