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Man Sentenced to Life For Capital Murder

Bryan, TX – A Brazos County jury convicted Eugene Jenkins of Capital Murder yesterday. Jenkins, 41, of Bryan, will automatically receive a life sentence without the possibility of parole for his role in the robbery and murder of the victim, 18-year-old Raymond Cavazos.

At midnight on December 14, 2011, Jenkins and Clifton “CJ” Montgomery approached the Bryan home of Cavazos, a known drug dealer. Jenkins and Montgomery attempted to rob Cavazos who tried to defend himself and fired at least one shot from his own gun before being shot in the head by the robbers. Jenkins and Montgomery then entered Cavazos’s home and took his drugs, money, and gun.

In August of 2013, Jenkins pled guilty to the offense of Aggravated Robbery for his role in the case in exchange for a 30-year prison sentence. Montgomery was tried and convicted of Capital Murder later that same month.

In December of 2013, Judge Travis Bryan granted Jenkins’ request to withdraw his plea and receive a new trial. Jenkins claimed that he had received inadequate legal representation.

At trial, prosecutors were able to show that Jenkins and Montgomery planned the robbery and witnesses testified that Jenkins was at the scene when Cavazos was killed. Other witnesses later saw



Eugene Jenkins

Jenkins with weapons matching those used at the crime scene and the same type of drug that Cavazos was known to sell.

The case was investigated by Detectives from the Bryan Police Department and Investigators Mike Johse and Greg Silber from the District Attorney’s Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Ryan Calvert and Misty Swan.

“We are grateful that the jury was unwilling to surrender any part of this community to lawlessness. Violent crime will be aggressively prosecuted, regardless of who the victim may be .” - Ryan Calvert, Assistant District Attorney