

Defendant Convicted of Attempted Murder in Drive-By Shooting



Sacramento County
District Attorney's Office
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DATE: June 9, 2022

CASE: Ladarius Murphy (Case #17FE016652)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Samuel Alexander, Gangs & Hate Crimes Unit

Ladarius Murphy was convicted by a jury of attempted murder and discharging a firearm from a vehicle. The jury also found true allegations that Murphy intentionally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury.

On May 12, 2016, the victim was walking to school when a gang member drove by and threw up gang signs. That gang member's girlfriend went to the same school and texted him saying there were "suckas" at the school. Later that day, the gang member, his girlfriend and Ladarius Murphy drove near the school and saw the victim. Murphy leaned out of the front-passenger window and fired 6-8 shots at the victim from a 9mm handgun. The victim was struck in the arm and torso, but survived. The gang member's car was quickly identified by the Sacramento Police Department and his girlfriend later identified Murphy as the shooter. Murphy was arrested on an unrelated case and his prints and DNA matched evidence from the car involved in the shooting. The gun used in the shooting was never recovered.

Murphy faces a maximum sentence of 34 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for August 26, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 32 before the Honorable James Arguelles.

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