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## **GUILTY VERDICT IN SHOOTING DEATH OF UNION CITY MAN**

### **Victim Killed After Breaking Off Romantic Relationship**

Atlanta- Fulton County District Attorney Paul L. Howard, Jr. announces the conviction by jury trial of 31-year old Rodrick Carter. Carter was found guilty late Thursday of Murder, Felony Murder, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon for the shooting death of 26-year old Romalace Bean.

Bean was killed on February 17, 2007 in his Union City Apartment but his body was not found for nearly two weeks. According to testimony, the victim confided to his best friend that he was going to end his relationship with Carter. That was the last day Bean was seen alive. He was discovered eleven days later with four gunshot wounds to his torso. The defendant initially claimed he had not seen Bean since five days prior to his death. He later confessed to shooting the victim during an argument over their relationship. Carter pled guilty to a similar crime in DeKalb County in which he admitted shooting a former partner in a dispute over their relationship.

Superior Court Judge Kimberly Esmond Adams, who presided over the case, sentenced Rodrick Carter to life plus ten years in prison.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Tanya Miller led the prosecution of the case with assistance from ADA Pat Duthcer and DA Investigator Kelvin Roberts. Detective Cliff McClure with the Union City Police Department led the initial investigation.

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