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Man convicted in street shooting

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TULSA - A Tulsa County judge will formally sentence a man who was convicted of first-degree murder linked to a fatal street shooting.

A jury deliberated more than seven hours before finding Tracy Courtney, 24, guilty and recommended a term of life in prison for the March 20, 2006, slaying of Jeffrey Bruno.

Bruno was shot while he was a passenger in a car in east Tulsa.

Courtney must serve more than 38 years of his term before he would be eligible for parole. He also received a 30-year sentence on a count of shooting with an intent to kill Stephan Jean-Claude, who drove the car occupied by Bruno.

Jean-Claude, Bruno's cousin, was not hurt, police said.

Assistant District Attorney Jack Thorp said evidence indicated that Bruno left a dice game with more than \$2,400, Courtney denied being the killer, and said he was in a vehicle driven by Corey Reese. His lawyer, Kevin Adams, asserted that Reese did the killing and that Reese was angry about being unable to recover money lost gambling.

Even though prosecutors said Jean-Claude identified Courtney as the shooter, Adams challenged the reliability of that identification. Reese, 30, testified that he didn't kill or attempt to rob anybody. He pleaded guilty in July to a charge of being an accessory after the fact and was given a seven-year prison term in a plea deal.

Courtney has been in the Tulsa Jail since March 2006.