

Jury finds Dothan man guilty in 2014 killing

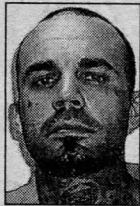
From staff reports

A Dothan resident was found guilty Wednesday in the killing of a 26-year-old man in Geneva County.

Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams said the jury returned the guilty verdict against 30-year-old William Robert Williamson Jr.

Williamson is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 9 by Circuit Judge William Filmore at the Geneva

County Courthouse in Geneva. Tice was shot in June 4, 2014.



Williamson

Adams said.

State police investigators arrested Williamson and charged him with the murder of James Tice on

“Based on his criminal history, he is facing life or life without parole, at the discretion of the judge,”

Tice, of Dothan, suffered multiple fatal gunshot wounds to his body and was found by authorities in the front yard of a trailer on Cohen Road, a dirt road off Jay Saunders Road in the Malvern community.

The homicide was investigated by deputies with the Geneva County Sheriff's Office, along with investigators with Alabama Bureau Investigation.

Law enforcement of-

icers from several Wiregrass agencies assisted in the capture of Williamson.

Williamson also has two pending felony unlawful possession of controlled substance charges in Geneva County.

Court records show the following information about Williamson's criminal history:

» According to the Alabama sex offender registry website, Williamson was convicted of a second-de-

gree rape of a 15-year-old girl in Houston County in 2006.

» Williamson pleaded guilty earlier this year to a felony drug distribution charge in Houston County.

» Williamson also pleaded guilty last year to 34 misdemeanor charges, 17 each of animal cruelty and failure to bury livestock charges in connection to an investigation of dead cattle.