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JURY CONVICTS ZANESVILLE MAN OF INTERSTATE TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH FATAL SHOOTING OF WEST VIRGINIA MAN

COLUMBUS – A United States District Court jury here convicted Adam McClellan, 28, of Zanesville, of travelling to Clifton, West Virginia on June 7, 2008 and taking part in a robbery that led to the death of a drug dealer there.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the verdict returned late yesterday after a trial that began May 19 before U.S. District Judge Michael H. Watson.

The jury deliberated less than five hours and found McClellan guilty on all six counts with which he was charged: one count of interstate travel that led to a person's death, three counts involving a firearm, one count of interstate travel to commit a crime of violence and one count of conspiracy.

McClellan faces at least ten years and the possibility of life imprisonment.

Testimony presented during the trial included evidence that McClellan drove another man, Michael Haynie of Columbus, to Clifton, West Virginia with the intention of robbing a drug dealer there. McClellan gave Haynie a gun. Haynie entered the house with the firearm and struck one of the occupants with the gun. The gun discharged, firing a round into the ceiling. Haynie admitted that he struck the man again with the firearm, which again discharged. This time the bullet struck the man in the head killing him. Haynie fled without money or drugs.

McClellan drove Haynie back to Ohio where they threw the gun and their clothing into a pond in Meigs County.

Haynie pleaded guilty on January 5, 2009 to one count of interstate travel to commit a crime which resulted in the death of another, one count of murder with a firearm, and one count of conspiracy. He faces life imprisonment. Judge Watson will set a date for his sentencing.

Lockhart commended the investigation by West Virginia State Police, Columbus Police detectives, and FBI agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kevin Kelley and David DeVillers, who prosecuted the case.

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