

New Bedford Man Convicted in 2008 Fairhaven Murder



Joshua Fitzgerald
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District Attorney Sam Sutter announced today that Brandon Callender, 24, of New Bedford was convicted of second degree murder in connection to the April, 2008 stabbing death of 30-year-old Joshua Fitzgerald in Fairhaven.

Mr. Callender was also convicted by a jury of his peers of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon for also stabbing Mr. Fitzgerald's brother, Patrick, during the same incident.

Mr. Callender will be held for sentencing on April 18 at 2 p.m. in the Fall River Justice Center.

The jury reached its verdict around 2 p.m. today after deliberating for approximately 25 hours over the course of five days. The trial itself lasted eight days in the Fall River Justice Center and was presided over by Judge Robert T. Kane.

The Bristol County District Attorney's Office has now secured a conviction in 20 of the last 21 homicide trials in the

county.

The case was prosecuted by former Bristol Assistant District Attorney Steven Gagne, who is currently the First Assistant District Attorney at the Northwestern District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Sutter will withhold comment on the case until after the sentencing.