

RAPPER IS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER - DETROIT MAN TO GET LIFE SENTENCE DEC.1

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A self-professed Detroit rap artist will spend the rest **of** his life in prison for shooting a popular musician in his own Ferndale recording studio last winter after a jury convicted him **of** first-degree **murder** Monday.

Terrence Moore, 36, smiled broadly at his victim's weeping family as he was led from the Oakland County courtroom in handcuffs, surrounded by armed deputies.

He will be sentenced to life in prison Dec. 1 when he appears before Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren.

Moore shot Amjed Abdallah, 36, a drummer who played in local bands, in Abdallah's sound studio on 8 Mile on Jan. 2. Moore, who aspired to be a rap star, had recorded four songs there but was reportedly angry at the recording fees Abdallah had charged and thought he should have had more studio time.

He arrived at the studio armed with a .357 semiautomatic handgun and shot Abdallah several times.

Jurors convicted Moore, who goes by the street name Maddog 13, after a weeklong trial in which prosecutors placed Moore at the **murder** scene using a fingerprint lifted from a beer can left there.

Ferndale police also testified that Moore eventually confessed to the killing after first blaming two other men, one **of** whom remains a suspect as an accomplice but has not been arrested.

And Moore has a distinct characteristic - the number 13 tattooed on his forehead, a mark police used to identify him as the man attempting to pawn an expensive sound board stolen from Abdallah's studio at the time **of** his **murder** .

Moore reportedly told investigators the tattoo marks him as Jesus Christ's 13th disciple.

Oakland County Prosecutor Paul Walton said Monday the premeditation made the killing particularly brutal.

"It was pretty crystal clear that this was planned, and the verdict reflects that," Walton said. "It makes it that much more chilling."

On most days, the courtroom was packed with Abdallah's friends and family, some **of** them fellow musicians. His ex-wife, Kathleen Hurley, and his son, Ian Abdallah, 16, traveled from Kentucky to watch the trial. At times, Ian wept during the testimony.

Hurley smiled through her tears Monday.

"I am very happy, but in a sad sort **of** way," she said. "There **is** such a sense **of** relief. And the first-degree **murder** conviction **is** a relief to me because there **is** no parole. I don't have to ever worry that he'll get out."

Defense attorney Todd Fox left without talking to reporters.

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CAPTION: Terrence Moore, also known as Maddog 13

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