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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Jackson Resident Timothy Owens found guilty of Murder**

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For Immediate Release

On June 7, 2017, Timothy Owens, age 50, was found guilty by a jury of his peers. Owens was convicted of the murder of his girlfriend, Ruth Hilda Williams, resulting from a shooting which occurred May 27, 2015, at 1732 Cox St., here in Jackson, MS.

On May 27, 2015, Timothy Owens and Ruth Williams were in their home and they began to argue. Marcus Williams, the son of Ms. Williams was also in the home. Heated words were exchanged between Ms. Williams and Timothy Owens. Timothy Owens retrieved a 38 caliber revolver and shot Ms. Williams 5 (five) times. Immediately prior to the shooting, Ms. Williams called out to her son for help. Marcus Williams ran and kicked the door in but was too late, his mother had already been shot. The sister of Timothy Owens, Kysia Owens, entered the home and persuaded her brother to give her the gun. Kysia Owens took the weapon to Jackson Police Officers. Timothy Owens was arrested on scene. Medical Assistance was rendered to Ms. Williams, however, she died on scene.

Judge Winston Kidd sentenced Timothy Owens to life in prison.

This matter was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney's Kimalon Campbell and Greta Harris. Hinds County District Attorney Robert Shuler Smith stated that, "This verdict is a step towards the healing of this family. This tragedy was absolutely senseless and should have never happened."