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### JURY RETURNS 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE MURDER VERDICT IN OROVILLE CASE

At Butte County jury today found an Oroville man guilty of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder for an October 2017 shooting in Oroville.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the jury had heard evidence over the last two weeks and deliberated most of today before returning their guilty verdict against **Jeffrey Parrish Jr.**, 32.

Ramsey said that on October 21, 2017, the victim Lorenzo Paz II, 21, of Oroville, was found dead in his Greenville Street home. It was determined Paz had been shot once in the head at close range.

After an extensive investigation by the Butte County Sheriff's Department it was determined Parrish told multiple witnesses Parrish was responsible for Paz's murder. Parrish also bragged about Paz's murder on social media.

The trial prosecutor, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Norton, told the jury Paz was killed because Parrish felt the victim owed Parrish money.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said "this tragic case graphically demonstrates the utter senseless of gun violence."

The trial judge, Judge Michael Deems, set a sentencing hearing for January 16, 2020 at 1:30. Parrish is facing 25 years to life. Parrish remains in custody pending his sentencing hearing.