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Guilty Verdict in Homicide Trial

Bloomington, IL - On Thursday, 01/18/24, Kentrell Brown was found guilty for the 2021 murder of Natwan Nash.

On 03/07/21, Natwan Nash, a 26-year-old Bloomington man, was found unresponsive in his apartment, located in the 2400 block of Clearwater Avenue. Bloomington police officers arrived and located Nash, who had suffered ten gunshot wounds which resulted in his death.

The McLean County Coroner's Office and the Bloomington Police Department Criminal Investigations Division were called to the scene. A thorough investigation ensued which led to arrest of Brown. Brown has been in custody since his arrest in May of 2021.

Chief Jamal Simington stated, "*A guilty verdict for taking the life of another person sends a strong message, heinous crimes will not be tolerated in this community. The collective and diligent work of many law enforcement professionals and prosecutors ensured justice was served. We are committed to working with members of this community to prevent violence and improve the quality of life in the city.*"

Brown was found guilty of first-degree murder. He is due back in court on 04/01/24 for sentencing. He faces 45 years to life in prison for the murder. First degree murder is considered a category one offense in the truth in sentencing law, requiring Brown to serve 100% of his sentence.

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