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Jury Convicts City Man of Witness Intimidation

A County Court jury needed less than half-an-hour to find a city man guilty of intimidating a witness in a local murder trial.

Derrick W. Moyer, 21, will be sentenced later this month after being found guilty of intimidation of a witness, criminal use of a communications facility and possessing instruments of crime, according to Lycoming County District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt.

Moyer was charged in January, after a series of Facebook posts between himself and Gage Wood. Wood was slated to testify at the trial against Moyer's friend Da'Ran Sears, in the shooting death of Donte Marks.

In the posts, Moyer called Wood "a rat" and asked where he lived.

In June, Moyer plead guilty to charges of aggravated assault and related offenses for the July 4, 2013 shooting in the area of Center Place and Center Street. He was then sentenced to serve eight to 25 years in state prison.

Assistant District Attorney Nicole Ippolito, who prosecuted the intimidation trial, said she will argue for Moyer's new sentence to run in addition to his current sentence. President Judge Nancy L. Butts scheduled sentencing for Sept. 24.

At his trial in March, Sears was convicted of third-degree murder and is currently serving a 21-50 year state prison term.