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12-year-old boy receives murder verdict

Jurors in County Court at Law No. 1 deliberated nearly seven hours on Thursday before finding a 12-year-old boy delinquent, the equivalent of guilty, on a murder charge.

Because of the boy's age, his name and the proceedings of his three day trial were not open to the public.

Police arrested the boy earlier this year in connection with a May 13 shooting death at a Sonic restaurant in Keene.

The sentencing portion of the boy's trial is scheduled for Thursday. County Court at Law No. 1 Judge John Neill will hear from witnesses and attorneys that day before determining the boy's sentence.

Keene police responded to reports of a shooting at 9:40 p.m. May 13 at a Sonic on Old Betsy.

A confrontation between two adults became physical at which point the 12-year-old boy got out of the vehicle and fired multiple shots, striking the victim.

The 12-year old along with his adult Aunt & Uncle fled the scene.

Investigation led officers to a location in Rio Vista where they located the boy and took him into custody. Police also recovered several firearms at the scene.