

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**JURY FINDS MAN INNOCENT**

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A Superior Court jury acquitted a man today of Robbery in the First Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the First Degree after deliberating for only ½ a day. Garshon Brown, 25, of Brooklyn, New York was found not guilty by a Hartford jury of robbing a Mobil gas station clerk at gunpoint in Manchester, Connecticut in September 1995. The prosecutor introduced a surveillance tape into evidence and called the gas station clerk to the stand to identify Mr. Brown. The State also called Kevin Charles, 21, of Hartford, Connecticut, a co-defendant, who testified that he robbed the convenience store with Mr. Brown and another individual, Levi King. Mr. Brown faced 40 years in prison. His lawyer, Tara L. Knight of New Haven said her client cried after the verdict was announced and asked her to thank the jury for him.