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Trio guilty over Mohammed death



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George Austin has been found guilty of the manslaughter of Mohammed al-Majed.

Londoner Austin, 22, of Barkworth Road, Bermondsey, punched the 16-year-old Qatari foreign language student after a late night dispute outside a Hastings kebab shop on August 22 last year.

Mohammed hit his head on the roadside and died in hospital two days later.

After a lengthy trial at Lewes Crown Court, the jury returned with a majority verdict yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

Co-accused Paul Rockett, 21, of Ham Lane, Burwash, was found guilty of racially aggravated assault after throwing a punch at Mohammed's friend Peter Henworth, which set off the catastrophic chain of events.

Alexander Quinn, 19, of Mountbatten Close, Hastings, was found guilty of wounding with intent to cause GBH after attacking another of Mohammed's friends with a bottle.

All three had denied the charges against them.

Mohammed was studying English at a language school in Hastings and had been staying with a family in the town for about five weeks before he died.

The three men will be sentenced on November 25.

Rockett and Quinn have been released on bail and both have been fitted with electronic tags.

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