

## **Jury recommends death penalty for man who set girlfriend ablaze**

### **From WTSP 10 Tampa Bay**

ORLANDO - A jury recommended today that an Ocoee man receive the death penalty for killing his ex-girlfriend by setting her on fire.

The Orange County jury voted 10 to 2. The same jury found 21-year-old Dane Abdool guilty of first-degree murder last week for the 2006 death of 17-year-old Amelia Sookdeo.

He was arrested after police say he admitted to killing Sookdeo, of Winter Garden. He allegedly told police the two got into an argument because he thought she was pregnant. Police say a preliminary investigation revealed no evidence of a pregnancy.

Defense attorneys say Abdool meant to scare Sookdeo when he poured some gasoline on her and flicked a lighter.