

Death penalty sought in teen killing at Jacksonville club

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Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for a man accused of opening fire at a crowd of teenagers outside an Jacksonville night club last September, killing one and wounding two others.

Jeremiah B. Corbett, 19, is facing trial in the death of Horace L. James Jr., 14. James was an Arlington Middle School eighth-grader who police said was caught in gunfire that erupted after a verbal dispute outside the former Club Menage at the crossroads of University Boulevard and Arlington Road.

The club, which since has changed names and management according to state business records, was having a teen night and a birthday party Sept. 25. The event ended about 11 p.m. and the teens went outside.

The gunman began firing from a van, missed his target but shot James in the head, police said. A teenage girl also was shot, but not killed, and another girl was hit by flying glass.

Two men who were with Corbett the night of the shooting have agreed to plead guilty as accessories and are expected to help make the case against Corbett, prosecutors said.