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Dustin Passarelli sentenced 55 years for 2019 murder of Mustafa Ayoubi

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Dustin Passarelli has been sentenced to 55 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for the February 2019 shooting death of Mustafa Ayoubi. Passarelli was convicted of Murder and the Felony Firearm Enhancement after a three-day jury trial in May.

On Feb. 17, 2019, Passarelli followed Ayoubi off the interstate and a verbal altercation took place. According to witnesses, Passarelli made several Islamophobic remarks and used hate speech prior to fatally shooting Ayoubi.

“Mr. Ayoub’s family and the entire Hoosier Muslim community have been impacted by the actions and hate the defendant displayed on that day,” Prosecutor Mears stated. “We cannot eradicate hate in a single step, but the Prosecutor’s Office will continue to hold individuals accountable should they act hatefully against any member in our community.”