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Man convicted of murder for the 2021 shooting death of Eugenio Roman

Tavon Macklin shot and robbed Roman at a strip mall on city's west side

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Tavon Macklin has been convicted of Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon (Level 4 Felony) for his role in the February 2021 killing of Eugenio Roman. Macklin was convicted after a three-day trial. The jury returned the guilty as charged verdict after deliberating for an hour and twenty minutes.

On Feb. 21, 2021, IMPD officers responded to a report of a person shot in the 5600 block of W. 38th St. At the scene, officers located Roman unresponsive, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds in a parking lot.

Detectives obtained surveillance video from a nearby business which captured a dark-colored SUV entering the parking lot. When Roman exited his business, the SUV pulled near his vehicle, and two suspects got out and fired several shots. The suspects then searched Roman's vehicle and his pockets before fleeing the scene.

"I commend the efforts of all the agencies involved that led to this verdict and achieving justice for Mr. Roman," said Prosecutor Mears. "Today's verdict reflects that we will not tolerate greed and violence in our community."

Macklin was apprehended in possession of a firearm days after the murder. The Indianapolis Crime Gun Intelligence Center determined that this was the same handgun used in the shooting of Eugenio Roman. A search warrant was executed on Macklin's phone, which revealed that he was in the same parking lot at the time of the murder.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Sept. 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Macklin also faces charges of Murder and Armed Robbery stemming from an unrelated case that occurred in January 2021. That trial is set to begin Sept. 18 at 9 a.m.

