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Sylvester Ford sentenced to 50 years for 2020 Murder of his uncle, Devon Ford

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Sylvester Ford has been sentenced to 50 years in prison for the 2020 Murder of his uncle, Devon Ford. Ford was convicted in February after a three-day jury trial.

On the morning of Feb. 16, 2020, Beech Grove Police officers were dispatched to an apartment in the 100 block of Diplomat Court. Upon arrival, officers located Sylvester Ford near the scene and followed him to the apartment where he stated that his uncle had been shot. Officers found Devon Ford in the bedroom with multiple gunshot wounds. A short time later, he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

During the investigation, law enforcement began to question family members that Sylvester had contacted after the shooting. According to the family, Sylvester told them conflicting stories about what happened to Devon.

“Having easy access to firearms creates situations where simple conflicts can become fatal acts of violence,” Prosecutor Mears stated. “This incident should have never occurred, and we will continue to advocate on behalf of the Ford family and all families affected by gun violence in our community.”

During interviews with investigators, Sylvester stated that he had been living with his uncle for a short time before the incident occurred, and Devon had been upset with him in the days before the shooting. He later told investigators that he shot his uncle three times, stating, “I just kept going because I did not know how to stop.”