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Marcus Minor found guilty of 2021 murder, attempted murder

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Marcus Minor has been convicted for his role in the January 2021 shooting death of Melissa Smith and the attempted murder of another woman. Minor was convicted of Murder and Attempted Murder (Level 1 Felony). Minor was originally charged with Murder for the shooting death of Austin Smith; however, the jury found him not guilty of that charge. The verdicts were returned after a three-day trial.

On the evening of Jan. 12, 2021, IMPD officers responded to reports of a person shot in the 3900 block of N. Pasadena St. Officers located the deceased victims and the surviving victim, who managed to call 911, in a bedroom. An unharmed two-year-old child was located on the bed next to the victims.

During the investigation, detectives spoke with the surviving victim, who arrived at the residence with her two-year-old child just before the shooting occurred. As she entered the residence, she saw Minor and Smith arguing and pleaded with Minor not to hurt anyone. Minor then shot and killed Melissa Smith and critically injured the surviving victim.

Phone records placed Minor at the scene at the time of the shooting.