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## Prosecutor's Office secures 11 murder trial convictions in 2023

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that the Prosecutor's Office has obtained ten murder convictions at trial this year. Prosecutors also secured one murder conviction via plea agreement. Each year, the office has improved upon its conviction rate on murder cases, obtaining an **86%** conviction rate in 2022. Prosecutor Mears credits the delegation of resources and efforts to build trust with the community as the foundation for courtroom success.

"As we continue to build upon our success year over year, we are pleased to see that our investments and strategies are working. However, we will continue to strive to improve on how our agency, can bolster others to increase equitable opportunities for justice in our community," Mears stated. "We do not achieve this success alone. Law enforcement agencies are continuously conducting investigations that put us in a better position to attain just results in the courtroom."

### **Murder convictions year-to-date:**

**Damarion Moore** was convicted of two counts of Murder for the January 2020 shooting deaths of Chrishaun Snelling and Shaughnje Scott. Moore was sentenced to sentenced to 116 years in the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC).

**Jashawn Jones** was convicted of Murder, Attempted Murder, and Carrying a Handgun Without a License for the April 2021 shooting that resulted in the death of Stephen Banks and injured a woman. Jones received a 95-year sentence in the IDOC.

**Dwayne Pope** was convicted of Murder, Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery, and Carrying a Handgun Without a License for the April 2020 shooting that resulted in the death of Dejure Taylor and injured another man. Pope was sentenced to 100 years in the IDOC.

**Sammy Tinnin** was convicted of Murder for the August 2020 shooting death of John Shockley. Tinnin is expected to be sentenced on Feb. 24.

**Dewayne Patterson** was convicted of Murder for the August 2020 stabbing death of John Patton. Patterson is expected to be sentenced on Feb. 27.

**Briean Brown** was convicted of Murder, Attempted Murder, and Assisting a Criminal for his role in a December 2021 interstate shooting that resulted in the death of Miguel Emery and caused serious injuries to another man. Brown is expected to be sentenced on March 3.

**Austin Green** has been convicted of Murder, two counts of Attempted Murder, and Attempted Battery by Means of a Deadly Weapon for his role in the March 2020 shooting that resulted in the death of D'Londre Calmes.

**Sylvester Ford** has been convicted of Murder for the 2020 shooting death of his uncle, Devon Ford. He is expected to be sentenced on March 1.

**Jeremy Satisfield** has been convicted of Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon for the June 2020 shooting that resulted in the death of Zyair Herron. Satisfield is expected sentenced on March 8.

**William Ballard** has been convicted of Murder for the January 2021 shooting death of James Greenberg. Ballard was also convicted of Domestic Battery, Attempted Obstruction of Justice, and Attempted Invasion of Privacy. Ballard is expected to be sentenced on March 17.

**Bruce McClinton** pleaded guilty to Murder on the second day of his jury trial. McClinton was on trial for the shooting death of Norman Rodgers. He was sentenced to 45 years in the IDOC.

"These convictions are a testament to Marion County jurors who carefully considered all the evidence presented by our deputy prosecutors and arrived at a just conclusion in each case," Mears continued. "They also reflect the tireless efforts of all who contribute and gather the necessary evidence to achieve justice on behalf of the victims and their loved ones."