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Sylvester Ford convicted of Murder for 2020 shooting of his uncle, Devon Ford

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Sylvester Ford has been convicted of Murder for the 2020 shooting death of his uncle, Devon Ford. The verdict comes after a three-day jury trial.

On the morning of Feb. 16, 2020, Beech Grove Police officers were dispatched to an apartment in 100 block of Diplomat Court on reports of a person shot. 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 occurred. According to the family, Sylvester told them conflicting stories about what happened to Devon, including that he saw five men wearing masks run up to the apartment before hearing gunfire.

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."

After the shooting, Sylvester left the scene to dispose of the gun and magazines. Officers later located a backpack in a dumpster of a Burger King restaurant with the items inside.

A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for March 1 at 2 p.m. in Criminal Court 28.