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## **Katrina Griffith sentenced to 65 years for the murder and robbery of Michael Zdenek**

*Griffith convicted in April for her role in the fatal robbery of her next-door neighbor*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Katrina Griffith was sentenced to 65 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for her role in the Oct. 2019 murder and robbery of her next-door neighbor, Michael Zdenek. In April, Griffith was convicted of Felony Murder, Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony), and Burglary (Level 1 Felony).

On Oct. 5, 2019, officers were called to a residence in the 700 block of Edgemont Avenue where they discovered Zdenek suffering from significant trauma. At the time, Griffith claimed to be a witness and was the person who called 911.

In her initial statement, Griffith claimed that a masked individual approached her neighbor with a handgun and demanded to be let into the residence. After demanding money and being refused, the masked individual shot Zdenek multiple times in the head and chest area.

Throughout the investigation, Griffith provided multiple inconsistent statements regarding her role in the incident. As the investigation continued it became clear that Griffith likely knew the masked individual and was directly involved in luring the victim into the fatal robbery. It was also determined that Griffith did not call 911 until approximately 40 minutes after the shooting had occurred.