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Dustin Passarelli convicted of murder in shooting death of Mustafa Ayoubi

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Dustin Passarelli has been convicted of Murder for the February 2019 shooting death of Mustafa Ayoubi. Passarelli was also convicted of the Felony Firearm Enhancement which can enhance a sentence by 5-20 years. The verdict was returned after a three-day jury trial.

The shooting occurred on Feb. 17, 2019, after Passarelli followed Ayoubi off the interstate and a verbal altercation took place. According to witnesses, Passarelli made several Islamophobic remarks and used hate speech prior to fatally shooting the victim.

Prosecutor Ryan Mears released the following statement regarding the verdict:

"We are pleased to finally bring justice to Mustafa Ayoubi, his family, and the Hoosier Muslim community who have been impacted by this tragedy. The prosecutor's office will continue to advocate on behalf of victims and combat hate in our community."