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Marcus Minor sentenced to 95 years for murder, attempted murder

Minor shot and killed Melissa Smith during an argument and seriously injured another woman

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Marcus Minor has been sentenced to 95 years in prison 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) in October 2023. He was convicted after a three-day trial.

Minor was originally charged with Murder in the shooting death of Austin Smith; however, the jury found him not guilty.

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 a 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 observed 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.

“Two people lost their lives and another woman was seriously injured as a result of the defendant’s actions and now he will spend the rest of his life in prison,” Prosecutor Mears said. “Our thoughts remain with the Smith family as they continue to move forward from this tragic event.”