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Teen sentenced to 45 years for the Murder of Kevan Akbar

Tiyuan Johnson, 19, convicted of Murder and Possession of a Machine Gun

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Tiyuan Johnson has been sentenced to 45 years for his role in the October 2022 shooting death of Kevan Akbar. In December, Johnson pled guilty to Murder and Possession of a Machine Gun (Level 5 Felony).

On Oct. 29, 2022, IMPD officers were dispatched to a gas station in the 6000 block of 30th Street on reports of a person shot. Upon arrival, officers located Akbar inside a vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to the head.

Investigators obtained security footage from the gas station and observed a vehicle park near Akbar's vehicle. They spotted a woman exit the vehicle, go inside the gas station, and then get into Akbar's vehicle.

Johnson and another man are then seen entering and exiting the gas station several times and talking to Akbar at his vehicle. The two men walk away while the woman and Akbar continue to talk inside the vehicle. A few minutes later, the two men come back, pull guns, and Johnson fires a shot through the windshield, striking Akbar.

Investigators collected a cell phone at the scene near Akbar's vehicle, where the suspect was standing when he fired the shot. On the home screen of the phone was a photo of Johnson. Johnson's fingerprints were also on the phone.