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Ariael Smith sentenced to 48 years for the murder of Secoya Williams

Smith shot and killed Williams in the parking lot of an Indianapolis nightclub

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Ariael Smith has been sentenced to 48 years for the February 2022 shooting death of Secoya Williams. Smith was also found guilty of Pointing a Firearm (Level 6 Felony) and Carrying a Handgun without a License (Level A Misdemeanor). She was convicted after a three-day court trial in September.

On Feb. 25, 2022, IMPD officers responded to the 4700 block of Century Plaza Road on reports of a person shot. Upon arrival, officers located Williams suffering from a gunshot wound to her abdomen.

Detectives spoke with multiple witnesses on scene, including a security guard. He stated that Smith and Williams were fighting inside a club. Attempting to deescalate the argument, the guard escorted Smith outside. Williams later exited the business and approached the vehicle Smith was in. Smith opened the door and fired one round, killing the victim.

Multiple witnesses positively identified Smith as the shooter and Smith's sister, Ebonie Parks, as the driver of the vehicle that Smith fled the scene in.

"A person's life was cut short and innocent bystanders were put in danger due to the actions of the defendant, and now, two families have suffered the consequences," Prosecutor Mears stated. "We hope that today's resolution bring solace to Ms. Williams' family as they continue to move forward from this tragedy and honor her memory."

Parks was found guilty of Assisting a Criminal (Level 5 Felony). A sentencing hearing is set for Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.