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Derek Whitt sentenced to 20 years for the murder of David Ballinger

Whitt shot and killed Ballinger outside of an eastside Indianapolis bar

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Derek Whitt has been sentenced to 20 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for the Aug. 25, 2018 shooting that resulted in the death of David Ballinger. Whitt was convicted of Voluntary Manslaughter (Level 2 Felony) after a two-day jury trial.

Video footage at the eastside bar shows the defendant's then-fiancé having a verbal altercation with Ballinger. Later that evening, Whitt came to the bar and confronted Ballinger. Whitt then started a fight with Ballinger in the bar parking lot.

The fight escalated and ended when the defendant drew a handgun and shot Ballinger once in the chest. Whitt remained on the scene until the police arrived.

Multiple witnesses reported seeing Whitt and Ballinger fighting outside the bar and identified Whitt as the individual who shot Ballinger.