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## **Maurice Lillie sentenced to 55 years for the 2020 murder of Dustin McClennon**

*Lillie asked a witness "Do you want to help hide a dead body," after the murder*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Maurice Lillie has been sentenced to 55 years in prison for the May 26, 2020, stabbing death of Dustin McClennon. In May, Lillie was convicted of Murder by a jury after a one-day trial.

On the day of the murder, officers located the victim behind a gas station in the 2700 block of East 38<sup>th</sup> Street. According to an essential witness, Lillie approached him as he was pumping gas and explained that he believed the victim had disrespected his wife.

The witness observed Lillie use a golf club to strike McClennon multiple times in the head and back. He then dragged the victim's body behind the gas station. Later, Lillie approached the witness again and asked, "Do you want to help hide a dead body?" Lillie and two other individuals fled the area in a dark colored SUV. A separate vehicle believed to be Lillie's was left at the scene.

According to the autopsy report, the cause of death was stabbing and blunt force trauma.

"There is no place in our community for such insensible actions," Prosecutor Mears stated at the time of the conviction. "Our trial team, investigators, and witnesses worked together to obtain justice on behalf of Mr. McClennon and his family."

Investigators were able to locate a bent golf club in a dumpster behind the gas station. Additionally, a bloody knife was in the trunk of the vehicle that was left at the scene.

During an interview, Lillie admitted to being at the gas station, going to the trunk of his car to get the golf club, dragging the victim's body behind a gas station, removing a knife from the victim's neck, and telling the witness that the witness did not see anything.