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Gregory Smith sentenced for 2016 murder of Eric Bonds

Smith sentenced to serve 55 years

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Gregory Smith has been sentenced to serve 55 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for the June 21, 2016, stabbing death of Eric Bonds on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Smith was charged with the Murder on June 24, 2016, and found guilty at a court trial on July 28.

Prior to the stabbing, Smith and his partner Bonds had a dispute inside their apartment in the 7100 block of Warrior Trail. When police questioned Smith on the night of the murder, the victim's blood was found on his shoe and clothing. A large amount of blood was also found in the apartment. Neighbors in the same apartment building reported hearing a movement in the apartment and then a loud crashing sound at approximately 10:30 p.m. They further reported seeing Smith running up and down the building's stairs after the sounds ended. Smith called 911 at approximately 10:50 p.m.

An autopsy found defensive wounds on the victim's hands and a fatal stab wound through the chest, breaking a rib and puncturing the victim's heart. Blood loss resulting from the wound was determined to be the cause of death.

Smith waived his right to a jury trial in November 2016.