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Jeremiah Walker and Jessica Figueiredo sentenced for attempted robbery and murder of Erbie Thompson

Pair sentenced for May 2016 incident in couple's Eastside home

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that the second defendant involved in an attempted robbery and murder on the city's Eastside has been sentenced. Jessica Figueiredo was sentenced to serve 16 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for her role in the May 31, 2016, attempted robbery of Erbie Thompson which resulted in his death. In August, Figueiredo pleaded guilty to Attempted Armed Robbery (Level 3 Felony). Jeremiah Walker was convicted of Thompson's murder and was sentenced to 62 years in the Indiana Department of Correction in November.

Walker shot and killed Thompson while attempting to rob the victim and his girlfriend at gunpoint in the couple's home in the 6100 block of E. 11th Street. During the attempted robbery, one of the suspects used zip ties to confine the female victim.

After Thompson was shot, the suspects fled in a vehicle. The female victim was able to see the license plate of the vehicle and memorized it to report to the responding officers. That license plate was registered to a vehicle by the same description registered to Jessica Figueiredo. Detectives were able to locate the vehicle with Walker and Figueiredo the day after the murder.

A receipt for the purchase of zip ties was located in the suspects' vehicle. When detectives reviewed the corresponding store's security video from May 31, 2016, it showed two individuals matching two of the suspects' descriptions purchasing a package of zip ties.

Walker was convicted in after a two-day trial in early November. The jury found him guilty of Felony Murder, Robbery (Level 3 Felony), Carrying a Handgun without a License (A Misdemeanor), and Criminal Confinement while armed with a deadly weapon (Level 3 Felony). Pursuit to the plea agreement, Figueiredo cooperated in the prosecution of Walker.