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Eugene Jones sentenced to 55 years for 2017 murder of Deante Williams

Williams was shot and killed after meeting Jones at eastside park

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Eugene Jones has been sentenced to 55 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for the Sept. 2017 shooting death of Deante Williams. The shooting occurred at a park in the 3400 block of Hawthorne Lane on the city's east side.

"With today's resolution of the criminal case, we are able to close an unimaginably difficult chapter for Deante's family and friends," Prosecutor Mears said of the sentencing. "The Williams' family has shown great poise as we worked towards long-awaited justice, nearly four years after tragically losing their loved one."

On the night of the shooting, Williams and his girlfriend drove to a park to meet Jones, who he knew from high school. Jones approached their vehicle and got into the backseat. Once in the car, Jones put a gun to Williams' head. Jones then stepped out of the car and shot Williams twice before fleeing in the direction he came from.

Investigators identified Jones as a suspect through social media records and fingerprints on a phone from the scene of the incident.