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## **Man found guilty of 2016 murder and robbery of Eric Ballard**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – A Marion County jury has convicted a man for the November 2016 murder and robbery of Eric Ballard. Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Gerald Tyree has been convicted Murder, Felony Murder, Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony), and Carrying a Handgun without a License (Class A Misdemeanor) after a two-day trial.

On Nov. 29, 2016, Ballard's girlfriend located him in their child's bedroom suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. When she arrived at the apartment, she noticed a sliding glass door was open and that the apartment was ransacked.

Investigators received a tip when a witness came forward with a recorded phone call they had with Tyree in which he confessed to the murder of Ballard. Detectives confirmed that the recording was Tyree by comparing it to Tyree's jail calls from when he was previously incarcerated.

Billy Holmes was also charged for his role in the fatal robbery. In March of 2018, Holmes pleaded guilty to Robbery Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (Level 2 Felony). Under that agreement, Holmes cooperated in the prosecution of Tyree. A sentencing hearing for Holmes is set for Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.

A sentencing hearing for Tyree is set for Oct. 28 at 1:30 p.m.