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Woman pleads guilty to 2020 murder of Paul Edmonds

Kayla Blankenship to serve 45-year prison sentence

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Kayla Blankenship has pleaded guilty to Murder for the Sept. 25, 2020 shooting death of Paul Edmonds. Blankenship pleaded guilty prior to her trial that was set to begin on Monday. Pursuant to the agreement filed in this case, Blankenship will serve a 45-year sentence in the Indiana Department of Correction.

On the night of the shooting, Blankenship met with Edmonds to sell coins, as he owned and operated a jewelry and coin business. After getting into the car with Edmonds, Blankenship shot him in the abdomen, ran to her car and fled the scene. After the shooting, Edmonds went into a nearby restaurant for help. When officers arrived, Edmonds provided crucial information to officers about what transpired.

Security footage from a nearby business, showed that Blankenship was in Edmonds car for approximately 30 seconds before the shooting occurred.

At the time of her arrest, Blankenship had a .45 caliber handgun in her purse that contained rounds that matched a spent shell casing located at the crime scene.