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**BRANDON ARTIS, FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER AND
ROBBERY, RECEIVES 101-YEAR SENTENCE**

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that, on April 12, 2023, Brandon Artis was sentenced to 101 years for murdering his marijuana dealer in the presence of a female civilian and her three children.

On March 6–9, 2023, a jury found Artis guilty of murder; one count of robbery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 2 felony; one count of armed robbery, a Level 3 felony; one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 felony; and two counts of intimidation where the defendant drew or used a deadly weapon, a Level 5 felony.

Prosecutor Moers thanked Deputies Jeremy Kemper and Audrey Beckerle for their efforts at the trial and for arguing for a 117-year sentence. Judge Robert J. Pigman of the Vanderburgh Superior Court sentenced Artis to 101 years. Moers also thanks Evansville Police Department’s street crimes unit Detectives Beitler, Ward, and Vanderburgh Prosecutor’s Office investigator Jon Carter for their diligent efforts in removing this dangerous person from the streets and collecting evidence which led to a strong conviction.

“This case exemplifies the significant and dangerous tie between drug dealing in our community and violent gun crime. These children will forever be traumatized by what they witnessed and the families are left to suffer. Today’s sentencing affirms that drug dealing and committing violent crime in Vanderburgh County are subject to the most severe sanctions under Indiana law—we are pleased that this Defendant will spend the rest of his life behind bars and out of our community.”

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