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People v. Bailey Castigliola 2021-CF-214

Danville Woman Convicted of First Degree Murder for Stabbing

On January 26, 2024, Bailey Castigliola (DOB: 1/25/1987), formerly of Danville, Illinois, plead guilty to First Degree Murder for a sentence of 27 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Following incarceration, Castigliola will serve a term of 3 years mandatory supervised release.

Circuit Judge, Robert McIntire, heard evidence that on December 28, 2020 the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department received a missing persons report regarding Richard Truett by his mother. Through the course of the investigation witnesses provided information that Michelle Ingram was involved with the disappearance of Richard Truett. Witnesses reported that Mr. Truett was seen getting into a vehicle with Bailey Castigliola and Michelle Ingram on December 27, 2020. As the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department looked for leads into the disappearance of Mr. Truett, bloody clothes and an identification card for Mr. Truett were located in a dumpster in Rossville, Illinois, along with Castigliola's DNA. Michelle Ingram was taken into custody and stated to investigators that she and Castigliola picked up the victim in Castigliola's vehicle and that Castigliola stabbed the victim once in the upper thigh. Ingram described that after some time she and Castigliola dumped the victim's body in a rural location in Indiana. Ingram cooperated with police and attempted to assist them in locating the body. After months of searching, Truett's body was located in Fountain County, Indiana. The forensic pathologist confirmed that Mr. Truett died from a stab wound of the left medial thigh. Multiple witnesses came forward with information that Castigliola had made statements regarding stabbing the victim and dumping his body.

On September 26, 2022, in exchange for her agreement to cooperate and testify against Castigliola, Michelle Ingram (2021CF215) plead to Attempt First Degree Murder, a Class X felony for 21 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by 18 months mandatory supervised release.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department for their perseverance throughout the lengthy investigation. She also stated, "Through the cooperation of witnesses and diligent work by the Sheriff's Department we were able to provide some closure to the family of Mr. Truett."