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**ALBANY MAN OF BRUTALLY SLAYING HIS NEIGHBOR
SENTENCED TO 70 YEARS IN PRISON**

Muncie Indiana – Today, the Honorable Marianne L. Vorhees, Senior Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 1 sentenced Cy E. Alley (DOB 08/16/1993) to 60 years in prison. An additional 10 years was added based on the fact that the jury found that Alley used a firearm to commit the murder. In Indiana Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. Indiana’s firearm enhancement can add 5 – 20 years to whatever sentence is imposed on a murder conviction.

On September 15, 2023, a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately 20 minutes before convicting Cy E. Alley of Murder, a felony. The Jury also found Alley guilty of using a firearm during the commission of the Murder. The evidence at trial indicated that on August 23, 2022, Alley shot his 59-year-old neighbor, Gary Copley, two (2) times with a 12 gage shotgun, reloaded, and shot Copley two (2) more times. At trial, Alley asserted the defenses of insanity and self-defense, which the jury ultimately rejected. When imposing sentence, the Court noted the sheer brutality of Alley’s acts including shooting the victim twice, reloading his shot gun and “much like a predator chasing his prey” the Defendant walked up to the victim and shot him two more times.



After the sentence was imposed, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said “Cy Alley will has now been held accountable for brutally executing Gary Copley in his own driveway. Although nothing can bring Gary Copley back, it is my sincere hope that this will be the first step in the healing process for Gary’s family and friends. Additionally make no mistake about it, Cy Alley is a very dangerous individual and I have no doubt that the sentences in this case will ensure that he will not be out and about committing more violent crime. I am proud of my co-counsel Deputy Prosecutor Steve Sneed, Prosecutor’s Investigator Heather Stanley, and Delaware Sheriff’s Office Detectives Tyler Parks, Matthew Kubiak, and Rick Richman for their assistance, hard work, and dedication in this case.”

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STATE OF INDIANA)
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IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY COURT SYSTEM
2022 TERM

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW: Matthew L Kubiak, a police officer of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the following described person was arrested, without Warrant upon the charge(s) and circumstances herein after stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Cy Alley D.O.B. 08/16/1993

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 12220 E 500 N RD

DATE OF ARREST: 08/23/2022 TIME OF ARREST: 1:53 AM PM

CHARGES:	<u>Murder 35-42-1-1</u>	a class	Felony	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdemeanor	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense(s) in Delaware County, State of Indiana, are as follows:

On August 23rd, 2022, Deputies of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, responded to a shooting which occurred at 12361 E 500 N Rd, Albany, Delaware County, Indiana.

Upon arrival to the residence, Deputies observed a male victim whom had been shot multiple times and was deceased. The victim, identified as Gary Copley, had been shot multiple times and was laying up against his house. A spent opaque white 12 gauge shotgun shell was also found at the scene.

The 911 caller, who shall be identified as Witness 1, stated that Witness 1 was out for a walk when they observed a black Ford F250 in the driveway of the victim's house.

Witness 1 states that they saw Cy Alley, shoot Gary Copley with what looked like a rifle multiple times, and then get into his black F250 and drive back to his residence at 12220 E 500 N. Cy Alley then left shortly after and went to the East. An additional Witness who shall be identified as Witness 2 went to check on Gary and stated that he was deceased. Witness 2 said that Cy drove back past him going East at a high rate of speed from his residence at 12220 E 500 N, in the black Ford F250.

I affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my information and belief.

DATE: _____ Officer: _____

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION

The undersigned, being a judicial officer of Delaware County, and having reviewed the foregoing affidavit, now determines that probable cause existed for the arrest of said arrestee, and now fixes bail in the penal sum of \$ _____

Dated: _____ Signed: _____ Title: _____

PRE-INITIAL HEARING INFORMATION

Pre-initial Hearing Date: _____ Charges to be filed by Date: _____ Time: _____

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NARRATIVE CONTINUED:

Cy Alley was located at 9119 N CR 900 E. Cy Alley was taken into custody by The Delaware County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team with no incident. Cy Alley was searched incident to arrest, and an unspent opaque white 12 gauge shotgun shell similar to the spent one found at the crime scene, was found in his pocket.

Cy Alley was transported to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for an interview with Detectives. Cy was read a rights waiver form to which he signed, acknowledging that he understood his rights, and he wished to make a voluntary statement.

Cy said that he has been having trouble with his electricity at his house, and he assumed that the victim was hacking into his network. Cy said that he went over to Gary Copley's residence to confront him. Gary and Cy were outside in Gary's driveway. Cy said that he exited his truck with a Winchester 12 gauge pump shotgun and shot Gary 4 times with the intent to kill him. Cy said that the gun he used to kill Gary Copley, was in the back of his black Ford F250, which was later located by Detectives.

Cy was not remorseful for his actions.

Cy is being charged with Murder: 35-42-1-1.