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**JURY CONVICTS ALBANY MAN OF
BRUTALLY SLAYING HIS NEIGHBOR WITH A SHOTGUN**

Muncie Indiana – Today a Delaware County jury deliberated for approximately 20 minutes before convicting Cy E. Alley (DOB 08/16/1993) of Murder, a felony. In Indiana Murder is punishable by 45 – 65 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. The Jury also found Alley guilty of using a firearm during the commission of the Murder, which can add 5 – 20 years in addition to the sentence imposed for Murder. The Honorable Marianne L. Vorhees, sitting as Senior Judge of the Delaware Circuit Court No. 1 set sentencing for October 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM. The evidence at trial indicated that on August 23, 2022, Alley shot his 59-year-old neighbor, Gary Copley, four (4) times with a 12 gage shotgun. At trial, Alley asserted the defenses of insanity and self-defense, which the jury ultimately rejected.



After the verdicts were returned, Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman said “Although nothing can bring Gary Copley back, I am very grateful for the jury verdicts in this case. Cy Alley will now be held accountable for brutally executing Gary Copley in his own driveway last August. 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 verdicts 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 Winters, 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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