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Man Sentenced to 37 Years in Motel Stabbing Death

Jesse Dennis Dimmick (DOB 05/19/74) was sentenced to 37 years in prison for the brutal stabbing death of a man at the Carriage Motor Inn in Aurora on September 10, 2009.

Michael Levar Curtis (DOB 05/04/84) of Aurora was stabbed in the neck after Dimmick lured him to the motel room for a drug deal. According to court records, Dimmick robbed him, stabbed him multiple times in the head and slashed his throat.

"He took Michael Levar Curtis' life in a savage way," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Ed Bull.

Dimmick pleaded guilty on March 28 to second-degree murder and faced a maximum sentence of 48 years in prison. He had been charged with first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder, aggravated robbery, four counts of aggravated motor vehicle theft and theft by receiving.

Dimmick fled to Kansas in a stolen vehicle after the murder, led police on several high speed chases and took a young couple hostage at knifepoint while police surrounded the house. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison in Kansas in that case.

Adams County District Court Judge Jill Ellyn Straus ordered that Dimmick's murder sentence be consecutive to the Kansas sentence, for a total of 48 years. "You committed the most heinous crime that there is," she told Dimmick as she imposed his sentence.

"This is a very dangerous man who needs to be kept from society and this sentence accomplishes that," said District Attorney Dave Young. "We are thankful that he will be off the streets for a very long time."

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