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Man Sentenced to 55 Years in Murder and Assault of Homeless Man

Brandon Lee Sugg (DOB 02/06/94) was sentenced Friday to 55 years in prison Friday in the murder and assault of a homeless man who was beaten to death with a baseball bat in Thornton.

On May 25, 2017, Thornton police found Brian McGreevy, 47, lying in a puddle of blood in a cinderblock dumpster enclosure behind the Sunrise Village Shopping Center at 9071 Washington Street where some homeless people, including Sugg and his girlfriend had been staying.

McGreevy was beaten to death with a baseball bat around midnight on May 24, 2019. Officers found a baseball bat with dried blood on it in a dumpster near 12400 Washington Street.

Sugg's girlfriend told police that Sugg admitted killing McGreevy after an argument, saying he had hit him in the head with a baseball bat multiple times. McGreevy suffered a traumatic brain injury, and a severed kidney and liver.

About two weeks before the murder, on May 6, 2017, Sugg had beaten McGreevy with a tricycle causing a brain hemorrhage and multiple facial fractures and other injuries that put him in the hospital for 10 days. This beating took place after Sugg became angry over McGreevy spouting ideas about religion. After that attack, police found a bloody child's tricycle that was broken into multiple pieces in the same cinderblock enclosure where McGreevy was later murdered.

Sugg, who called himself the "Angel of Death" on his Facebook profile, fled Colorado after the murder and was arrested in Arizona.

"The defendant beat Brian McGreevy nearly to death on May 6, 2017," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Kristen Baker. "Eighteen days later, he finished what he started. He struck Brian McGreevy with a baseball bat over and over again. Injuries consistent with blows from a bat were too numerous to quantify in the autopsy report. Blood from the beating flew, either off the victim's body or off the bat, onto every corner of the dumpster enclosure and halfway up the wall of the building nearby. The beating was at close range, intimate and intense." Baker asked for the maximum, 60-year prison sentence.

Adams County District Judge Tomee Crespino sentenced Sugg to 40 years for second-degree murder and 15 years for first-degree assault in the earlier attack, and ordered that the sentences be served consecutively.