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ELGIN MAN GETS 11-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR VIOLENT STABBING

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An Elgin man has been sentenced to more than a decade in prison for severely injuring a man with a butcher knife in a dispute over a drug deal.

Marcellus D. Thomas, 31 (d.o.b. 11-8-1980), last known address of the 100 block of South State Street, Elgin, was sentenced Thursday, May 31, 2012, by Circuit Judge David R. Akemann, to 11 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Thomas was convicted March 16, 2012, by a Kane County jury, of one count of armed violence, a Class X felony, one count of aggravated battery with great bodily harm, a Class 3 felony, and one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, a Class 3 felony.

At about 7 a.m. Nov. 6, 2011, after Thomas, the victim and others had been drinking and ingesting narcotics all night at Thomas' apartment, the victim tried to leave. An argument began over whether the victim had paid for some cocaine and Thomas grabbed a butcher knife. After a struggle, Thomas stabbed the victim in the left shoulder area, puncturing his subclavian artery. Thomas left the apartment with a friend and threw the knife into an open area near the Fox River. Paramedics who responded described the crime scene as one of the bloodiest they had seen. The victim suffered permanent injuries as a result of the attack.

Because Judge Akemann ruled that Thomas' actions caused great bodily harm to the victim, Thomas must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Thomas was given credit for at least 203 days served in the Kane County jail.

The case was prosecuted by Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Alex Bederka and Debra Bree.