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ELGIN MAN GUILTY IN VIOLENT STABBING

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An Elgin man faces a sentence of at least 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 convicted late Friday, 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.

Circuit Judge David R. Akemann set Thomas' next court date for May 17, 2012, in Courtroom 305 for post-trial motions and sentencing. Thomas faces a sentence of between 10 and 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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 then 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.

Bond was revoked upon conviction and Thomas remains in the custody of the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$750,000 bail.

"Our thanks to Elgin Police Det. Brian Gorcowski for his thorough investigation in this case, and also for being available for the trial the entire week," Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said. "Thanks also to Kane County Assistant State's Attorneys Alex Bederka and Debra Bree for their fine work in prosecuting this case."