

Second man sentenced in murder of Vermillion man

**(KMZA)--The second of two men charged in the death of elderly Vermillion man in 2020 has been sentenced to 23 years and 9 months in prison.**

**According to the Marshall County Attorney's Office, Jefferson Goad, of Waverly, was handed the sentence Tuesday in Marshall County District Court on charges of second-degree murder, aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and arson.**

**He pleaded no contest to the amended charges in October stemming from the death of 83-year-old Donald McLaughlin.**

**Co-defendant, Jeremy Penix II, of Melvern, was sentenced last week to 25 years in prison without the possibility of parole on a charge of first-degree murder.**

**In addition, he received another 20 years for other crimes related to the death and for a separate case of sexual exploitation of a child. He will be eligible for parole during the 20-year sentence, which is to run consecutive to the “hard 25” sentence.**

**McLaughlin's body was found inside the ruins of his burned out home on January 24, 2020.**

**Authorities say the two men robbed and beat Mclaughlin before setting his home on fire.**

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