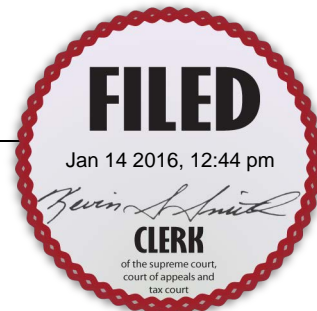


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Indiana Supreme Court

No. 49S04-1601-CR-19

JAMES BEASLEY,

Appellant (Defendant below),

v.

STATE OF INDIANA,

Appellee (Plaintiff below).

Appeal from the Marion County Superior Court, No. 49G01-1210-MR-67595
The Honorable Kurt M. Eisgruber, Judge

On Petition to Transfer from the Indiana Court of Appeals, No. 49A04-1406-CR-253

January 14, 2016

Massa, Justice.

James Beasley appeals his convictions for the murder of James Allen and the attempted murder of Gerald Beamon. For the reasons set forth in our companion decision of Leandrew Beasley v. State, also issued today, we grant transfer and affirm the trial court's admission of Beamon's hearsay testimony regarding statements Allen made to him on the day he died. We find

the trial court could have reasonably determined that Allen's statements were against his interests, and were thus admissible pursuant to Indiana Evidence Rule 804(b)(3). In all other respects, we summarily affirm the holding of our Court of Appeals below, pursuant to Indiana Appellate Rule 58(A)(2).

Rush, C.J., and Dickson, Rucker, and David, JJ., concur.