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Press Release

Manslaughter plea in 2020 Weymouth stabbing

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Kelsey Debello has admitted to stabbing and killing 19-year old Ryan Martin in Weymouth May of 2020.

Debello, 29 of Weymouth, entered a plea of guilty to Manslaughter before Norfolk Superior Court Judge Beverly Cannone on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Judge Cannone sentenced Debello to 13-15 years in state prison.

Shawn Inglis, 27, **admitted last February** to hiding the knife and other acts to conceal the crime, entering a plea of guilty to accessory after the fact. Judge Beverly Cannone sentenced Inglis to 3 to 5 years in state prison. Assistant District Attorney Carolyn Hely had requested a sentence of 6 to 7 years.

Martin was in a gathering in the woods behind the Queen Anne's Apartments in the area of 83 Colonel's Drive at roughly 10 p.m. on May 7, 2020. Debello was present when he arrived. The two knew each other in some capacity and Martin's arrival angered Debello.

At one point, the defendant had to be physically restrained, but she broke free and produced a five- to six-inch knife. She then walked toward the victim and stabbed him once in the back, then turned and fled with Inglis. The victim and another man exited the woods, running down the path toward the area apartments. He collapsed, responding ambulance personnel transported him to an area hospital but he was pronounced dead at 11:24 p.m.

"If we had gone to trial and secured a second degree murder, she would have been eligible for parole after 15 years; without a criminal record, a manslaughter conviction following trial would have called for an 8- to 12-year sentence under the sentencing guidelines in current use," District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said. "Following discussions with the family about the case and the possibilities at trial, I directed Assistant District Attorney Hely to accept the certainty of a guilty plea with the 13 to 15 year State Prison sentence. Ryan's mother gave a thoughtful impact statement to the Judge before she passed sentence."

"I thank the Weymouth Police Department and Chief Richard Fuller for their co-operation and professionalism throughout this investigation, and their constructive partnership with the Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to my office," District Attorney Morrissey said.