



# PRESS RELEASE

## Defendant Sentenced to Prison for Aggravated Assault

July 26, 2017

Cedric Fielder, 39, of Bryan pled guilty today to Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and was sentenced to 34 years in prison by the Hon. Judge Travis Bryan III.

On May 25, 2015, Fielder got into a fight with Kendrick Wesley, 28, of Bryan. The fight occurred around the area of Henderson St. and Military Dr. in east Bryan. The fight ended when Fielder struck Wesley in the head and body with a silver baseball bat.

Witnesses described Wesley fleeing after being hit to the front yard of 717 East MLK where he fell under a tree laying unresponsive. Fielder fled across East MLK to his mother's house on Dale St. and hid the bat in her backyard before fleeing the area.

Emergency medical personnel took Wesley who was unresponsive to St. Joseph's Hospital where he underwent emergency brain surgery. He remained in a coma after surgery for several days and eventually passed away as a result of the injuries. Wesley's death was caused by blunt force trauma to his head from the bat wielded by Fielder that day. Fielder surrendered to the Bryan Police Department and admitted to hitting Wesley in the head with the bat, claiming that he was defending himself.

The investigation by the Bryan Police Department revealed that Fielder's use of deadly force was not reasonable under these circumstances. As a result, Fielder was criminally charged for his excessive use of force which led to the death of Kendrick Wesley.

**“Mr. Fielder’s introduction and use of a deadly weapon in these circumstances was excessive and unwarranted. Vigilante justice cannot be allowed to take root in this community.”**

**- R. Clay Kimbrough, Assistant District Attorney**

