

KANKAKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE



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JUNE 25, 2014- KANKAKEE, IL- Cory B Gardner (M/W 03/01/1985), who was charged in the April 16th, 2012 murder of Tawayne Sharp in Kankakee, plead guilty to the Homicide earlier today in front of Judge Kathy Bradshaw-Elliot. Gardner took a plea in exchange for 35 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (to be served 100%). First Assistant State's Attorney Bill Dickenson praised the Sheriff's Departments hard work in putting together a great case.

Kankakee County Sheriff Tim Bukowski applauded the efforts and man hours invested, not only by Kankakee County Sheriff's Office Detectives, but also to the Major Crimes Task Force, patrol units, first responders on scene, and the Kankakee Police Department for assisting in the investigation.



"This case exemplifies how quickly a homicide case can be solved when all law enforcement agencies work together. This particular situation demonstrates how well our neighboring jurisdictions cooperate in major crime investigations. The thorough work put forth by investigators made the state's case virtually impenetrable, which ultimately led to today's plea deal."

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