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### **Hooper Pleads Guilty in 2023 Homicide**

A Wilmington man will spend up to 19.9 years in prison after pleading guilty to Second-Degree Murder on Monday. Terry Earl Hooper, Jr., age 38, stabbed Daniel Webb-Sholar following an argument on June 9, 2023, at a home on North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Law enforcement and EMS arrived at the residence around 6:30 p.m. and found Webb-Sholar suffering from a deep wound to the chest that proved to be fatal. Hooper fled the scene in a van driven by his uncle. He turned himself in to authorities later that night.

Witnesses told investigators that the two men had been having ongoing issues that culminated in the deadly incident. Tensions between them escalated after Webb-Sholar allegedly spat on Hooper. Witnesses said that Hooper thereafter brandished a handgun but eventually put it away. Minutes later, Webb-Sholar attempted to engage in a fist fight with Hooper but was instead stabbed with a large knife after a brief struggle. Webb-Sholar was unarmed.

Hooper's trial was scheduled to begin in two weeks.



Terry Earl Hooper, Jr.