

## Convicted murderer sentenced to 15 years in another incident

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Already serving a life sentence for first-degree murder, Christopher Harris has pled guilty to stabbing his former girlfriend prior to that killing.

On Monday, Harris, 32, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on a charge of first-degree assault.

The sentence was part of a plea agreement reached with the Cole County Prosecutor's Office. The sentence will run concurrent to his current sentence on the murder charge.

Cole County Judge Tom

Brown asked Harris, who kept falling asleep in the courtroom during the proceedings, if he understood his plea.

Harris told the judge he did understand what was going on and said the medication he was taking for depression was making him drowsy.

Harris admitted to stabbing Yoshi Rucker in front of 812 Broadway on March 19, 2005. Rucker testified last year that Harris stabbed her in the right lung following a domestic dispute.

No charges were filed

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immediately after the incident because Rucker wouldn't testify and had continued her relationship with Harris.

In April, a jury recommended Harris be sentenced to life in prison for killing Moreland Jefferson after the two got into a fight at 812 East Broadway. Testimony showed Harris beat Jefferson several times with a hammer and threw him down some stairs at the apartment building where the two men lived.