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State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announces that Stefan Phillip Gislason was sentenced to serve life in prison by Circuit Court Judge John Simon on March 6, 2023, for the murder of Dillon Shanks on April 20, 2020. Gislason was found guilty of Second-Degree Murder by an Escambia County jury on October 7, 2022.

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On April 20, 2020, Stefan Gislason shot Dylan Shanks in Gislason's home on Durango Drive in Pensacola. The victim was discovered with a gunshot wound to the back of his neck and head laying on top of a pile of clothing he had been carrying. He was only a few feet from an exterior door.

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Evidence at trial established that Gislason shot Dillon Shanks as he escorted him out of his house at gunpoint over a drunken argument. Initially, Gislason told Pensacola Police detectives that Shanks shot himself. When confronted with the location of the injury, he claimed self-defense.