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CARPENTERSVILLE WOMAN GETS 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR 2014 STABBING MURDER OF SISTER

PLEADED GUILTY BUT MENTALLY ILL TO FIRST-DEGREE MURDER IN FEBRUARY

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A Carpentersville woman has been sent to prison for stabbing her older sister to death in 2014.

Associate Judge Linda Abrahamson on Thursday, May 17, 2018, sentenced 57-year-old **Sandra L. Baumgartner** to 25 years' imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the Sept. 29, 2014, murder of 57-year-old Sharon Baumgartner of Carpentersville.

Sandra Baumgartner on Feb. 2, 2018, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to first-degree murder.

In this case the finding of guilty but mentally ill means that the defendant may receive appropriate mental health treatment as available from IDOC.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Joseph Cullen stated in court that on Sept. 29, 2014, Sandra Baumgartner stabbed her sister, the victim, multiple times with a knife. A psychologist later diagnosed Sandra Baumgartner with schizophrenic affective disorder bi-polar type.

According to Illinois law, Baumgartner must serve 100 percent of the sentence. She receives credit for 1,325 days served in the Kane County jail, where she has been held since her arrest.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon said: "This defendant is a dangerous person who suffers from a significant mental illness. Incarceration is the only way to keep the public safe from her. I wish there were better alternatives and opportunities for treatment. This sentence removes her from the community for what will likely be the rest of her life. My thanks to the Carpentersville Police Department for its hard work in this case and for the response to a very violent and difficult crime scene."

Sandra L. Baumgartner: Age 57 (d.o.b. 3-1-1961), of the 100 block of South Lincoln Avenue, Carpentersville