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Skewer Ends Domestic Fight “He asked for it,” says roommate

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A late evening squabble over the rent ended with Pat Hughes driving a barbecue skewer into roommate Bubba Davis' heart. Davis fell to the floor and died within minutes last night.

Marshall City detective T.J. Hoffman, responding to a call for help, arrived on the scene moments after the stabbing.

“I took his [Davis'] pulse as he lay on the floor,” Hoffman told reporters. “He must have died on the spot. There wasn't much blood. The wound was in his stomach, but the skewer must have hit something vital.”

Robbie Johnson, a college student who lives with Hughes in the apartment at 4515 N. Beacon, claims that Davis

was attacking Hughes in a fight over unpaid rent and other debts.

“Bubba [Davis] was coming at Pat [Hughes] physically. He punched Pat a couple of times, and Pat finally blew up when Bubba came at Pat with a skewer. I begged Bubba to stop. Pat got the skewer away, and used it. He asked for it.”

Another witness, the building's owner, Chris Paris, saw the killing from the porch door leading into the apartment.

“Sooner or later someone was going to get Bubba. He was a bully, a predator, a deadbeat, and a pest,” Chris Paris told *The Marshall City Sun*. The police have been after him for a long time.” Paris, who lives on the floor below the scene of the killing, is the building owner.

“They were behind on their rent,” Paris added. “Who's going to pay for this mess?”

Both Robbie Johnson and Chris Paris were later taken to Marshall City Area Four police station for questioning.