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Two Hiawatha Men Plead Guilty in Iowa Murder

NODAWAY, Iowa (AP) - Two Hiawatha men have pleaded guilty in what authorities say was the drug-related slaying of an Iowa man.

The Creston News Advertiser reports that 42-year-old Jon Rubendall and 40-year-old James Bost were convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder after prosecutors reduced their charges.

Sentencing was set for May 16th.

The two men were originally charged with first-degree murder and robbery in the first-degree.

Authorities say they killed 44-year-old Allen Pafford last June. A court document says authorities found Pafford tied up in a workshop near his mother's home in Nodaway, with a bedsheet wrapped around his head and neck and a bullet wound in the back of his head. The document says Bost told authorities that Pafford owed Rubendall \$3,000 for drugs.

Rubendall and Bost remain in the Nodaway County Jail, held without bond.

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