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Former Radford University student, Luisa Ines Tudela Harris Cutting was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Oct. 7 after pleading guilty to the [second-degree murder of Alexa Cannon](#).

Judge Joey Showalter sentenced Cutting to 40 years in penitentiary but suspended 20 of those years. Cutting will have to report to a probation officer for 10 years after being released.

Chris Rehak, [Radford City Commonwealth's Attorney](#), represented Cannon in the trial. In an email sent after Cutting's plea deal, Rehak said, "the agreement secured a murder conviction, avoided any appeals and spared Alexa's family and friends the anguish and anxiety of trial."

Making a statement in court, Cutting said, "there are no words for this tragedy and my heart is filled with sorrow and grief. My heart goes out to the Cannon family, I am so, so sorry."

Rehak says the 20-year "active sentence is at the high end of second-degree murder sentencing guidelines." Cutting will be 41-years-old when she leaves jail and enters probation.

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