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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Deadly Shooting

Three Others also Sentenced to Prison

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, April 29, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Oldfield sentenced Cameron Jones, 18, of Argonne Court in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the 2022 New Year’s Eve murder of 35-year-old Damarcus Hartwell. Jones will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years in prison.

On April 26, 2024, a Summit County jury found Jones guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Firearm Specification – a Special Felony
- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a Felonies of the 2nd Degree
- Felonious Assault with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 2nd Degree

“The actions of these four young men are horrifying. Mr. Hartwell welcomed them into his home for a New Year’s Eve party. A plot to rob Mr. Hartwell ended with Cameron Jones shooting and killing him. Summit County is safer with Mr. Jones locked away for a long time,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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Jones and three others were at Damarcus Hartwell's house on Louisiana Avenue near East Avenue in Akron's Kenmore neighborhood on New Year's Eve of 2022. Jones shot Hartwell multiple times and stole items from Hartwell's home.

Jones, who was 17 years old at the time of the shooting, was bound over from the Summit County Juvenile Court to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and was tried as an adult.

Judge Oldfield sentenced 20-year-old Nino Jennings of Big Falls Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls, to the maximum sentence of 14-to-20 ½ years in prison.

On March 18, 2024, Jennings pled guilty to the following charge:

- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree

Judge Oldfield sentenced 19-year-old Layveire Belton of Peerless Avenue in Akron, to the maximum sentence of 14-to-20 ½ years in prison.

On April 2, 2024, Belton pled guilty to the following charge:

- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree

Judge Oldfield sentenced 19-year-old Makhi Anderson-Clay, of Big Falls Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls, to 6-to-9 years in prison.

March 7, 2024, Anderson-Clay pled guilty to the following charge:

- Aggravated Robbery – a Felony of the 1st Degree