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Akron Man Sentenced for Causing Crash Which Killed Teen

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, December 01, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Andre Graves, 37, of Cordova Avenue in Akron, was sentenced to four years in prison for causing a crash which killed 19-Year-Old India Douglas. A lifetime driver's license ban was also ordered.

On October 14, 2015, Graves pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a felony of the second degree
- Driving Under Suspension – a misdemeanor of the first degree

On the morning of May 6, 2015, Graves was travelling at approximately 60 miles per hour on Copley Road when he struck the back of India Douglas' vehicle, which was among a group of cars stopped at a red light. Douglas was ejected and died five days later. Graves had been previously cited over a dozen times for driving without a license.

“Andre Graves was going twice the posted speed limit when he slammed into the back of India Douglas' car,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “India Douglas was minding her own business and was on her way to school at the time. She had her entire life ahead of her. Mr. Graves gave no reason or explanation for the fact that he drove 60 miles per hour into a car stopped at a red light. The community will be kept safe from his reckless and dangerous driving for the next four years.”