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Akron Teen Found Guilty of Murder

Fred Taylor Jr. Scheduled to be Sentenced on Tuesday, July 25, 2017

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, July 21, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Fred Taylor Jr., 19, of Beechwood Drive in Akron, guilty in connection with the shooting death of 23-year-old Javon Knaff.

Jurors found Taylor Jr. guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault, both with Gun Specifications – felonies of the 2nd degree
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the 3rd degree

On May 30, 2016, both Taylor Jr. and Knaff attended a cookout at the Rosemary Apartments on Nadia Court in Akron. The two got into an argument and Taylor Jr. shot Knaff several times. Knaff was taken to the hospital and died a short time later. Taylor fled to West Virginia, where he was eventually arrested.

Sentencing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 9am.