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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Convenience Store Murder

Co-Defendant Sentenced to 6 Years in Prison

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, April 17, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Jerry Alford, 36, of Crosby Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the deadly shooting of 59-year-old Dereke Alexander in November of 2017.

Alford will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years of his sentence.

Judge Oldfield also sentenced Dexter Moore, 34, of Wildwood Avenue in Akron, to five years in prison for his role in the shooting. Moore was on community control at the time of the shooting for a 2016 case where he pled guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge Oldfield sentenced Moore to one year in prison for that case, which will be served consecutively to the five year prison sentence.

“This was a senseless and evil act over a \$60 dollar debt. Dereke Alexander was a beloved brother, father, and son. The family and community will feel the pain of his loss for a long time,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Our community is safer as both Alford and Moore will spend a significant amount of time in prison.”

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On March 4, 2019 a Summit County jury found Alford guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a special felony
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the 3rd degree

Jurors also found Moore guilty of the following charges:

- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Obstructing Justice – a felony of the 3rd degree

On the evening of November 16, 2017, Dereke Alexander was dropped off at the Baho Convenience Store on 460 West Market Street in Akron. Alford and Moore waited outside and followed Alexander into the store. Alexander left the store and was confronted by Alford and Moore. Alford then shot and killed Alexander.