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Akron Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Deadly Shooting

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, December 19, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Lavon Rankin, 24, of Akron, to 20 years in prison for the shooting death of Jason Bradford.

On Monday, December 10, 2018 Rankin pled guilty to the following charges:

- Voluntary Manslaughter with a Firearm Specification – a felony of the 1st degree
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the 3rd degree

In April of 2018, Jason Bradford and Demarcus Shealy got into an altercation at the Akron apartment where Shealy was staying. Shealy left the apartment and called his cousin to come over. Lavon Rankin was one of the people who came with Shealy's cousin. They then called Bradford to come outside of the apartment. When Bradford came out, Shealy hit him with a brick. They continued fighting with Bradford into the hallway where Rankin eventually shot him.

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, Demarcus Shealy, 21, of Windsor Street in Akron, pled guilty to the following charges:

- Voluntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 1st degree
 - Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree
 - Obstructing Justice – a felony of the 3rd degree
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Judge Croce is scheduled to sentence Shealy on January 28, 2019 at 1pm

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