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Juvenile Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, March 24, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Thomas Parker sentenced Alexis Martin, 17, of 3rd Street in Canton to Life in Prison for murder and felonious assault. Based on other mandatory and consecutive sentences, Martin will be eligible for parole after 21 years.

On February 17, 2015, Martin pled guilty to murder, a special felony, with a firearm specification, and felonious assault, a felony of the 2nd degree.

On November 7, 2013, Martin, Travaski Jackson, and Dashaun Spear organized a robbery that left one man dead and another with a bullet wound in his head. Janae Jones and Martin went into the home of Angelo Kerney. Jones and Martin distracted Kerney and his brother Alecio Samuel so that Jackson and Spear could enter the home to rob the victims. Spear shot Kerney, 36, who died during the robbery from his injuries. Samuel, 20, was shot in the head but survived.

Jones pled guilty to murder and received a life sentence, eligible for parole after 15 years. Spear pled guilty on the morning of his trial, to aggravated murder with a firearm specification and attempted murder with a firearm specification and was sentenced to Life with Parole eligibility after 41 years are served. Jackson, who is serving a 27 year sentence on an unrelated crime, went to trial and was found guilty of murder. Jackson is awaiting sentencing.

Martin, while a juvenile at the time of the crime, was ordered by Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio to be tried as an adult. Once Martin turns 18, she will serve the remainder of her sentence in a state prison.

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