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Murderer David Phillips Gets 35 to Life

AKRON, OHIO – September 5, 2014 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands sentenced David Phillips, 26, of Talbot Avenue in Akron, to 35 years to life in prison for an August 2013 shooting that left Paris Wicks dead.

Paris Wicks was a well-known and respected former Ellet High School football star. He was shot and killed when coming to the aid of a friend. Phillips received the maximum sentence plus an additional 6 years for being a repeat violent offender.

On September 4, the jury found Phillips guilty of:

- Complicity to Commit Murder with a firearm specification, a special felony;
- Complicity to Commit Aggravated Robbery with a firearm specification, a felony of the first degree;
- Complicity to Commit Felonious Assault, with a firearm specification, a felony of the second degree.