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Canton Man Indicted on Death Penalty Specifications in Death of Akron Man & 2-Year-Old Daughter

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, October 13, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County grand jury added death penalty specifications to the indictment of Shawn Allen, 36, of Bryan Avenue SW in Canton, in connection with the murder of Horace Lee and Lee's 2-year-old daughter.

On Friday, October 9, 2020, the Summit County grand jury added Death Penalty Specifications on the previously indicted aggravated murder charges.

On August 14, 2020, Allen was indicted on the following charges:

- 3 Counts of Aggravated Murder – Special Felonies
- One Count of Murder – a Special Felony
- Failure to Stop After an Accident – a Felony of the 3rd Degree
- Tampering With Evidence – a Felony of the 3rd Degree
- 2 Counts of Gross Abuse of A Corpse – Felonies of the 5th Degree

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Just after 1 a.m. on July 12, 2020, Horace Lee was walking with his 2-year-old daughter in a stroller along Crouse Street in Akron when both were struck and killed by a vehicle. Investigators determined Shawn Allen had targeted Horace Lee following an altercation outside a nearby bar.

“This was an awful tragedy. Mr. Lee and his 2-year-old daughter were targeted and purposefully run over and left to die. My office will fight for Horace, his little girl, and their family,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “The death of a child is one of the worst forms of criminal conduct in our society. After a thorough examination of this case, seeking the death penalty is appropriate.”

Shawn Allen was arraigned on the death penalty specifications on Monday, October 13, 2020. His next court hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2020.