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Akron Man Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison for Causing Deadly Crash

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, January 17, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker-Ross sentenced Sirvonte Rice, 27, of Hartford Avenue in Akron, to 12 years in prison for causing a deadly crash.

Rice must serve a minimum of eight and a half years in prison before he is eligible to file for judicial release. Judge Baker-Ross also suspended Rice's driver's license for 15 years.

On Monday, January 13, 2020 Rice pled guilty to the following charges:

- Two Counts of Vehicular Homicide – felonies of the 2nd degree
- One Count of Vehicular Assault – a felony of the 3rd degree
- One Count of Failure to Stop After an Accident – a felony of the 3rd degree

In the early morning hours of December 30, 2018, Rice, who was driving under suspension, was travelling at almost 90 miles per hour when he ran a stop sign at the intersection of Linsey Avenue and Virginia Avenue in Akron. Rice's vehicle struck another car. The occupants of the other car, 34-year-old Nicholas Bobo and 28-year-old Arielle Davis were ejected and died as a result of their injuries. Ayisha Williams, a front seat passenger in Rice's car, was also injured in the crash.

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“Two innocent lives were lost because of the reckless and dangerous actions of the defendant. My heart goes out to the victims and their families,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I’m pleased to know Sirvonte Rice is being held accountable for his actions and will spend a significant time in prison. The community is safer with him locked up.”