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## **Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Deadly Shooting** *Sonny Howard Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, February 6, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Sonny Howard, 26, of Adelaide Boulevard in Akron, pled guilty to shooting 38-year-old Daniel Jones to death.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty immediately sentenced Howard to LIFE IN PRISON. Howard will be eligible for parole after serving 16 years of his sentence.

Howard pled guilty to the following charge:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

On January 15, 2019, Howard shot Daniel Jones, hitting him in the chest, as Jones walked along Clark Street west of South Arlington Street in Akron. Akron Police arrested Howard six months later. Howard did not know Jones and shot at him thinking Jones was someone else.

“This was a tragic, senseless crime which will impact Daniel Jones’ family for a very long time. He was an innocent man, gunned down in an unprovoked attack,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “My heart goes out to his family. Our streets are safer with Sonny Howard behind bars.”