Youngstown Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Deadly Crash

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, October 11, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Timothy Goforth, 20, of Notre Dame Avenue in Youngstown, Ohio, to 10 years in prison for causing a crash which killed 53-year-old Stacey McGinnis. Mr. Goforth must serve eight years of his sentence before he is eligible for any type of early release.

On May 16, 2019, Goforth pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Failure to Comply – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Failure to Stop After Accident – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Receiving Stolen Property – a felony of the 4th degree

"Stacey McGinnis was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and aunt. Her death will be felt by not only her family but the entire community," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Mr. Goforth had no regard for life when he fled from police and sped through Akron's streets at more than twice the speed limit. I'm pleased to know our community is safer with Mr. Goforth in prison."

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At around 7pm on December 10, 2018, Akron Police officers attempted to pull over a car after the driver ran a red light. As officers pursued the vehicle, they determined it was reported stolen from Austintown, Ohio. The driver of the stolen vehicle slowed down, but then sped away. After officers cancelled the pursuit, the driver continued to drive recklessly through Akron, eventually running several stop signs, and eventually crashed into another vehicle at the intersection of Slosson Street and Packard Drive. 53-year-old Stacey McGinnis was driving the other vehicle and died as a result of the crash. The driver of the stolen vehicle, Timothy Goforth, ran from the crash scene but was captured a short time later.

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