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Two Teens Found Guilty in Deadly Shooting

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, February 04, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin found John Smith, 17, of Archwood Street in Akron, and Tyler Morgan, 19, of Talbot Avenue in Akron, guilty in connection with the shooting death of Shpetim Ramadani in February of 2018.

Judge McLaughlin found Smith and Morgan guilty of the following charge:

• One Count of Murder – a special felony

18-year-old Shpetim Ramadani was shot and killed on the evening of February 13, 2018 as he sat in the back seat of a friend's car.

Smith and Morgan's trial was scheduled to begin today, however both pled no contest to one count of murder. Judge McLaughlin then found both guilty. Smith, who was 16 at the time of the shooting, was bound over from Summit County Juvenile Court to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas and was charged as an adult.

Judge McLaughlin is scheduled to sentence both Smith and Morgan on March 5, 2019 at 1pm.