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### **Akron Man Pleads Guilty in Connection with Deadly Shooting** *Cenqunn Woods Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON*

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, December 16, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Cenqunn Woods, 24, of Norka Avenue in Akron, pled guilty in connection with the June 5, 2018 deadly shooting of 28-year-old Diamond Smith.

Woods pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder – a Special Felony
- Aggravated Robbery – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree

Immediately following his guilty plea, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin sentenced Woods to LIFE IN PRISON. Woods is eligible for parole after serving 15 years of his sentence.

On June 5, 2018, Cenqunn Woods and co-defendant Christian Pittman robbed Michael-Ann Benton at the Akron apartment Benton shared with Diamond Smith. As Pittman and Woods ran off, they were confronted by Mr. Smith, who had just returned home. Pittman fired multiple shots at Smith, killing him. Pittman and Woods then split up and ran from the scene.

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On December 10, 2019 a Summit County jury found Pittman guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Firearm Specification – a Special Felony
- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Aggravated Burglary with a Firearm Specification – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

Summit County Common Pleas court Judge Kelly McLaughlin is scheduled to sentence Pittman on January 16, 2020 at 1pm.