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Akron Man Sentenced to Life in Prison in Connection with Deadly Shooting

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, April 10, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Demarcus Shealy, 27, of Windsor Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON in connection with the shooting death of Jason Bradford.

Shealy will not be eligible for parole until he has served 27 years in prison.

On April 5, 2019, a Summit County jury found Shealy guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a special felony
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault with Gun Specifications – felonies of the 2nd degree
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- Obstructing Justice – a felony of the 3rd degree

In April of 2018, Jason Bradford and Demarcus Shealy got into an altercation at the Akron apartment where Shealy was staying. Shealy left the apartment and called his cousin to come over. Lavon Rankin was one of the people who came with Shealy's cousin. They then called Bradford to come outside of the apartment. When Bradford came out, Shealy hit him in the head with a brick. They continued attacking Bradford, backing him into the apartment where Rankin shot him.

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On December 19, 2018, Lavon Rankin, 24, of Akron, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of Voluntary Manslaughter and Having a Weapon Under Disability.

Shealy originally pled guilty on December 18, 2018 to charges of Voluntary Manslaughter, Felonious Assault, and Obstructing Justice but withdrew that plea on January 29, 2019 and requested a jury trial.