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### **Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Killing Ex-Girlfriend**

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, February 23, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Duane Lucas, 30, of Sparhawk Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to several charges, including shooting Brittany Littlejohn to death.

Lucas pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a special felony
- Trafficking in Heroin – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Possession of Heroin – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Domestic Violence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Having Weapons Under Disability – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Possession of Cocaine – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

On February 21, 2017, 31-year-old Brittany Littlejohn was found shot to death on the front patio of her Romig Road apartment. Akron Police arrested Lucas the next day. At the time of his arrest, Lucas had a bag containing a shirt and shoes which had the victim's blood. There were several witnesses to the crime and Lucas' DNA was on the gun used to shoot Littlejohn.

The heroin charges are related to an incident in 2016 where Summit County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a domestic dispute involving Lucas. During their investigation, Deputies discovered three bags of heroin as well as other drug paraphernalia in Lucas' vehicle.

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Lucas faces a maximum sentence of life in prison when he is sentenced by Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien on April 12, 2018 at 2pm.

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