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Summit County Jury Finds Akron Woman Guilty of Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 18, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Hedy Moss, 51, guilty of shooting and killing Ernest Sherman in 2018.

Jurors found Moss guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a special felony
- Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – a felony of the 2nd degree

In the early morning hours of January 16, 2018, Moss was in a home on Gold Street in Akron occupied by Ernest Sherman and James McMullen. The three began arguing over a stolen gun. Moss then shot both Sherman and McMullen. Sherman was struck in the head and died. McMullen was shot but survived. He escaped by jumping out of a second floor window.

This was the second trial for Moss. On November 20, 2018, a Summit County jury found Moss guilty of felonious assault in the shooting of James McMullen, as well as Having a Weapon Under Disability and Tampering with Evidence. Following that trial, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jay Wells sentenced Moss to eight years in prison on those charges.

At the time, jurors were hung on the murder charges Moss faced in connection with the death of Ernest Sherman. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office re-tried Moss on the murder charges.

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Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin, who succeeded Judge Wells, oversaw the most recent trial. Judge McLaughlin is scheduled to sentence Moss on Friday March 20, 2020 at 1:30pm.