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## Akron Woman Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, February 17, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin sentenced Hedy Moss, 52, of Madison Avenue in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of Ernest Sherman in 2018.

Moss will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years in prison.

On February 18, 2020, a Summit County jury 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

“Hedy Moss shot two men in cold blood. She deserves to serve every day of her prison sentence,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I am pleased to know this lengthy sentence will help keep our community safe and brings justice to Ernest Sherman and James McMullen.”

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This was the second trial for Moss. On November 20, 2018, a Summit County jury found Moss guilty of felonious assault with a gun specification 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. 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.

In today's sentencing, Judge McLaughlin ruled Moss will serve five of the eight year sentence for shooting Mr. McMullen concurrent to the sentence of life in prison. Under Ohio law, there is mandatory prison time for both of the gun specification convictions; thus, the parole eligibility after 21 years.