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Akron Cop Killer to Spend the Rest of His Life in Prison

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, October 28, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Kenan Ivery, 36, of Grand Avenue in Akron, to Life in Prison Without Parole for the Aggravated Murder of Akron Police Officer Justin Winebrenner.

Judge McCarty also sentenced Ivery to an additional 65 years in prison on the other counts, to be served consecutively with the life sentence.

On Friday, October 23, 2015, Jurors recommended Ivery be sentenced to Life in Prison Without Parole.

On Thursday, October 15, 2015, the same jury found Ivery guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated murder – a special felony with a death penalty specification and two firearm specifications.
- Two Counts of Murder - special felonies with firearm specifications.
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault – felonies of the first degree with firearm specifications.
- Two Counts of Attempted murder – felonies of the first degree with firearm specifications.
- Four Counts of Felonious Assault – felonies of the second degree with firearm specifications.
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the third degree.
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon – a felony of the fourth degree.
- Illegal Possession of a Firearm in a Liquor Permit Premises – a felony of the third degree.

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“Justice was served today for Justin and the others injured last November. I am thankful that Kenan Ivery will never get out of prison,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Justin Winebrenner saved the lives of many people that night by confronting Kenan Ivery. The selfish acts of Kenan Ivery changed the lives of many people, and he will pay for what he did.”

On November 16, 2014, Ivery was in Papa Don’s Pub at 1891 East Market Street in Akron at about 1:45 in the morning, when he was asked to leave after being aggressive toward several women.

Ivery returned about seven minutes later and was confronted by Papa Don’s customers David Wokaty, Justin Winebrenner, and Dave Eisele. Winebrenner was an Akron Police Officer, but was off-duty at the time. Ivery opened fire four times, striking Winebrenner twice. Winebrenner collapsed in the parking lot and later died.

Wokaty was shot through the arm and abdomen. He underwent emergency surgery and spent several days in the hospital. Three other people were injured by the gunshots. A bullet went through the chest area of Dave Eisele’s jacket, but did not strike him.