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Kenan Ivery Found Guilty in Shooting Death of Akron Police Officer

AKRON, Ohio (date) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found Kenan Ivery, 36, of Grand Avenue in Akron, guilty in the deadly shooting of Akron Police Officer Justin Winebrenner.

Jurors 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.

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 reportedly 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.

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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.

The sentencing phase of the trial is scheduled to begin on Tuesday October 20, 2015 at 9am in Judge Alison McCarty's courtroom.

*additional information –

The potential sentences for aggravated murder are death, life without parole, and life with parole after 20, 25, or 30 years in prison.