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Akron Man Sentenced to 21-Years-to-LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, June 25, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jeremiah Alexander, 22, of Glendora Avenue in Akron, was sentenced to 21 years to LIFE IN PRISON in connection with the shooting death of 18-year-old Tion Anthony and guilty of felonious assault in connection with the shooting of 21-year-old Douglas Norman.

On May 4, 2021, a Summit County jury found Alexander guilty of the following charges:

- One Count of Murder with a Firearm Specification – a Special Felony
- One Count of Felonious Assault with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 2nd degree

On August 14, 2019, Akron police officers responded to a drive-thru store on South Arlington Street near Rosemary Boulevard for reports of a person shot. There they found Douglas Norman, who had been shot in the back. Norman told officers he was walking with Tion Anthony in the area of Rosemary Boulevard and Dahlgren Drive, just around the corner from the drive-thru, when he and Anthony were shot. Officers searched the area and found Anthony lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to the head. Anthony was later pronounced dead. Evidence led investigators to arrest Jeremiah Alexander for the shooting.