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Stanley Ford Receives 9 Life Sentences Without the Possibility of Parole – plus 21 years

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, October 26, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Stanley Ford, 62, of Hillcrest Street in Akron, to the maximum sentence for killing nine people.

Judge Croce sentenced Ford to nine consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole, plus an additional 21 years in prison.

On September 21, 2021, a Summit County jury found Ford guilty of the following charges:

- 22 Counts of Aggravated Murder – Special Felonies
- Two Counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Two Counts of Aggravated Arson – Felonies of the 1st Degree

On October 1, 2021, following a mitigation hearing, jurors recommended Ford should be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Judge Croce also found Ford guilty of being a Repeat Violent Offender.

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“Stanley Ford is a coward and used the cover of darkness to conceal his wrath. He claimed he was an angel sent from God to protect his neighborhood, but instead killed those he didn’t like,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Nine innocent people died, including five children. Ford deserves to spend the rest of his life in prison. I can’t imagine the evil it would take to set a house on fire knowing there were children inside.”

The first fire occurred on April 18, 2016 at 719 Fultz Avenue in Akron, killing 66-year-old Lindell Lewis, who at the time was recovering from hip surgery, and 66-year-old Gloria Jean Hart. A third person, Thomas Hugley, escaped. The second fire occurred in the early morning hours of May 15, 2017 at 693 Fultz Avenue in Akron. A family of seven, including five children, died in the fire. Both fires were within a block of where Ford lived.

The seven people killed in the May 15, 2017 house fire at 693 Fultz Avenue were:

- Dennis Huggins – 35 years old
- Angela Boggs – 38 years old
- Jered Boggs - 14 years old
- Daisia Huggins - 6 years old
- Kyle Huggins - 5 years old
- Alivia Huggins - 3 years old
- Cameron Huggins - 1 year old