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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

Dylan Brown Pled Guilty in Connection with Deaths of Two People

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, December 13, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker Ross sentenced Dylan Brown, 22, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murders of Melinda Pointer and Justin Walker in July of 2020.

Brown will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years of his sentence.

Prior to being sentenced, Brown pled guilty to the following charge:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

In July of 2020, the Akron Fire Department was called to a house fire at 1097 Brown Street. Inside the home, firefighters found the bodies of Melinda Pointer and Justin Walker. The Summit County Medical Examiner determined Pointer and Walker were shot to death, then the home was set on fire. Akron Police eventually connected the deaths of Pointer and Walker to five people: Steven Hayes, Gia Hernandez, Robert Boyer, Dylan Brown, and Kiannia Buckley.

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On November 24, 2021, Kianna Buckley pled guilty to the following charge in connection with the case:

- Burglary – a Felony of the 3rd degree

On the same date, Buckley pled guilty to Grand Theft in connection with a separate incident, the theft of an SUV from a local auto dealer in July of 2020.

Judge Baker Ross sentenced Kiannia Buckley to three years community control and six months house arrest.

Hayes is scheduled to go on trial for the murders of Pointer and Walker on June 21, 2022. Trial dates for Hernandez and Boyer are not yet scheduled.