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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON

Plead Guilty in Shooting Death of 6-Year-Old Girl

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, March 21, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O’Brien sentenced Marqualle Clinkscales, 24, of Seward Drive in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON in connection with the shooting death of 6-year-old Mar’Viyah Jones.

Clinkscales will be eligible for parole after serving 16 years of his sentence. Judge O’Brien also designated Clinkscales as a Violent Offender.

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

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

Just after 2pm on September 10, 2020, Corey Jemison was in his vehicle with six children, including 6-year-old Mar’Viyah Jones, when he pulled up to and blocked in Marqualle Clinkscales in the area of Hawkins Avenue and Copley Road in Akron. Both Clinkscales and Jemison began shooting at each other. One of the bullets struck Mar’Viyah in the head. She died several days later.

On Thursday, March 17, Judge O’Brien sentenced Jemison, 41, of Copley Road in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON with parole eligibility after 16 years.

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Prior to sentencing, Jemison pled guilty to the following charge:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

“This was a horrible situation with such an awful, tragic ending. Clinkscales and Jemison had no concern for anyone around them. Unfortunately, a young girl lost her life to this senseless violence,” said Prosecutor Walsh.