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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, April 26, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigan Jones sentenced Joseph Pinckney, 34, of Glendora Avenue in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON without the possibility for parole in connection with the death of 31-year-old Terrance Vandiver Jr.

On March 28, 2022, a Summit County jury found Pinckney guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Aggravated Burglary with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – Felonies of the 2nd Degree

On December 19, 2020, Terrance Vandiver Jr. and 35-year-old Dwayne Jackson were at a gathering at a home on Wall Street in Akron when Joseph Pinckney burst in through the back door and started shooting. Vandiver was struck six times and died. Jackson was shot in the shoulder and survived. Pinckney fled the scene and was arrested by U.S. Marshals two months later.

Pinckney's co-defendants, Danayet Hayes and Aniyah Jenkins, are scheduled to go on trial at a date to be scheduled.