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Summit County Jury Finds Barberton Man Guilty of Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, May 31, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Charles Deel, 26, of 21st Street NW in Barberton, guilty of shooting and killing 29-year-old Woody Cisterna.

Jurors found Deel guilty of the following charges:

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

Deel previously pled guilty to Having a Weapon Under Disability, a felony of the 3rd degree. Deel is also charged with Repeat Violent Offender specifications which Judge Oldfield will address at sentencing.

On July 30, 2020, Cisterna was at a home on Kenmore Boulevard in Akron to pick up some personal belongings. Deel was also at the home, working on his vehicle. Witnesses say they heard gunshots, saw Cisterna lying on the ground and then saw Deel speed away in his vehicle. The Northeast Ohio Fugitive Task Force arrested Deel several days later in Scio, Ohio, about 90 minutes south of Akron. Deel had the murder weapon in his possession.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield is scheduled to sentence Deel on Friday June 10, 2022 at 8:30am.