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Barberton Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, June 10, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Charles Deel, 26, of 21st Street NW in Barberton, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of 29-year-old Woody Cisterna.

Deel will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years of his sentence. Judge Oldfield also found Deel guilty of being a Repeat Violent Offender.

On May 31, 2022, a Summit County jury 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

Prior to the trial, Deel pled guilty to Having a Weapon Under Disability, a felony of the 3rd degree.

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.