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Canton Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murders of Two People Including Toddler

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, June 24, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker Ross sentenced Shawn Allen, 37, of Bryan Avenue SW in Canton, to LIFE IN PRISON for killing 43-year-old Horace Lee and Lee's 21-month-old daughter.

Allen will be eligible for parole after serving 63 years of his sentence. That is the maximum sentence allowed.

On June 15, 2022, a Summit County jury recommended a sentence of LIFE IN PRISON. Allen had been eligible for the death sentence.

On May 26, 2022, the same jury found Allen guilty of the following charges:

- 3 Counts of Aggravated Murder with the Corresponding Specifications – Special Felonies
- Two Counts of Murder – Special Felonies
- Tampering with Evidence – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

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“This was one of the worst cases we have ever had. Shawn Allen targeted Horace and his daughter and intentionally struck them with his SUV and killed them,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Allen needs to spend the rest of his life in prison.”

In the early morning hours of July 12, 2020, Shawn Allen and Horace Lee got into an altercation outside a restaurant on East Exchange Street in Akron. Lee was with his 21-month-old daughter, Azariah Tucker, who was in a stroller at the time. Following the altercation, Lee ran off while pushing his daughter in the stroller. Allen then jumped in his SUV and chased after Lee. Allen spotted Lee a few blocks away walking on the sidewalk. As Allen drove at them, Lee attempted to escape with his daughter up a driveway. Allen intentionally ran over both Lee and his daughter, who both died as a result of being struck.