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## Summit County Jury Finds Akron Man Guilty of Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, July 12, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Donnell Lawson, 29, of Cordova Avenue in Akron, guilty of shooting 64-year-old Melvin Peters to death in November of 2019.

Jurors found Lawson guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Murder with Gun Specifications – Special Felonies
- One Count of Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

On November 20, 2019 Lawson shot 64-year-old Melvin Peters in the back while Peters was sleeping at a home on Cordova Avenue in Akron. Peters was the boyfriend of Lawson's mother.

Visiting Judge VJ Haas is scheduled to sentence Lawson on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11:30am.