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Summit County Jury Finds Adarus Black Guilty of Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 8, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Adarus Black, 19, of Huron Avenue in Akron, guilty in the shooting death of Na’Kia Crawford.

Jurors found Black guilty of the following charge:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

On June 14, 2020, 18-year-old Na’Kia Crawford was driving with her grandmother in the area of West North Street and North Howard Streets in Akron when she was shot several times, including in the neck and torso, by a gunman in a passing vehicle. Akron Police a few days later identified two suspects in the shooting: Adarus Black and Jaion Bivins. In February of 2022, the Northern Ohio Fugitive Task Force arrested Adarus Black in Georgia where he was living under a fake name. Bivins was shot and killed in Kentucky earlier this year. His death remains unsolved.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin is scheduled to sentence Adarus Black on November 30, 2022.