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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 22, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Salah Mahdi, 29, of 17th Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of William Pickett.

Mahdi will be eligible for parole after serving 28 years of his prison sentence.

On November 1, 2022, a Summit County jury found Mahdi guilty of the following charges:

- One Count of Aggravated Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- One Count of Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- One Count of Having a Weapon Under Disability – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

In August of 2018, Mahdi walked into an Akron barbershop and shot 35-year-old William Pickett to death. A second person was also shot but survived. Mahdi was eventually arrested in December of 2019.