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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 Eugene Wells, 27, of Fulton Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the shooting death of Walter Matthews the third in 2019.

Wells will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years of his prison sentence.

On November 12, 2022, a Summit County jury found Wells guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Murder with Gun Specifications – Special Felonies
- Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Having Weapons Under Disability – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

On June 3, 2019, 23-year-old Walter Matthews the third was with his girlfriend at a store on West South Street and Princeton Avenue in Akron. As Matthews left the store, he was approached by Eugene Wells. Wells confronted Matthews and started a fight. During the fight Wells pulled out a gun and shot Matthews several times. Matthews died a short time later. Wells escaped to West Virginia where agents with the U.S. Marshal's Service arrested him just over a month later.