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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

Co-Defendant sentenced to 15–to–20.5 Years in Prison

AKRON, Ohio (date) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Leeric Campbell, 21, of Alphada Avenue in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON, for the murder of Dontez Burns in February of 2021.

Campbell will be eligible for parole after serving 26 years in prison.

On August 26, 2022, a Summit County jury found Campbell guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder with Firearm Specifications – a special felony
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- Two Counts of Involuntary Manslaughter with Firearm Specifications – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Aggravated Burglary with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Two Counts of Kidnapping with Firearm Specifications – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Felonious Assault with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 2nd Degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

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In February of 2021, Campbell shot 17-year-old Dontez Burns following a fight at an Akron apartment. Campbell claimed Burns stole money from him. Jaemeir Gooden was with Campbell at the time of the shooting.

In December of 2021 Jaemeir Gooden pled guilty to the following charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

Judge Oldfield sentenced Gooden to 15-to-20.5 years in prison.