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Akron Teen Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, February 1, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux sentenced Jalen Butler, 18, of Bye Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of 48-year-old Steven Sitts at an Akron home.

Butler will be eligible for parole after serving 20 years of his sentence.

On Monday, January 23, 2023, Butler pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Tampering With Evidence – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

On October 2, 2021 Butler shot and killed Sitts following a dispute over a phone. Butler was 17 at the time of the shooting.