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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, July 31, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Oldfield sentenced Eric Pursley, 23, of Sumner Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of 59-year-old Daniel Stein.

Pursley will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years of his prison sentence. This was the only sentence allowed under Ohio law.

On July 21, 2023, a Summit County jury found Pursley guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault with Gun Specifications – Felonies of the 2nd Degree

“Daniel Stein was a beloved father, grandfather, husband, brother, and friend. We all grieve at the loss of a man who gave so much to our community,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Eric Pursley deserves to spend the rest of his life in prison for taking Daniel Stein’s life.”

Daniel Stein owned several rental properties in the Akron area. On October 5, 2022, Stein went to his property on Sumner Street in Akron, which he rented to Eric Pursley. At the time, Pursley was several months behind in rent. Pursley confronted Stein and shot Stein in the head.