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## 20-Year-Old Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, August 25, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker Ross sentenced Calvin Thompson, 20, of Highpoint Avenue in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of 20-year-old Janine Surgen.

Thompson will be eligible for parole after serving 23 years in prison.

On June 12, 2023 Thompson pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony

In July of 2020, Calvin Thompson shot and killed Janine Surgen as Surgen was walking along 27<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest near Waterloo Road. Thompson walked up to Surgen, then from about eight feet away, shot her in the head. Thompson continued to shoot Surgen as she lay on the ground. Following the shooting, Thompson ran to a car driven by Jaleel Sojourner. Sojourner was Surgen's boyfriend.

Thompson was 16-years-old at the time of the shooting. Following a hearing in Juvenile Court, Thompson was bound over to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

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A third person, who was 17-years-old at the time of the shooting, admitted to a charge of Having a Weapon Under Disability in Juvenile Court. The teen has not yet been sentenced.

Jaleel Sojourner is scheduled to go on trial on December 11, 2023 on the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Two Counts of Murder with Gun Specifications – Special Felonies
- Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Tampering With Evidence with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree