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## Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Deadly Shooting

AKRON, Ohio (date) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kathryn Michael sentenced Deangelo Preston, 23, of Crosby Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for the murder of 20-year-old Nykayla Lehman in 2021.

Preston will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years in prison.

On June 21, 2023 a Summit County jury found Preston guilty of the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Felonious Assault with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Reckless Homicide with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

On July 18, 2021, Deangelo Preston, Nykayla Lehman, and three others were at a home on Thornton Street in Akron. At one point during the party Nykayla left the home, only to return a short time later. When she knocked on the back door, Preston picked up a gun and shot through the door twice, killing Nykayla.

After the shooting, Preston shot himself in the face. Preston survived but suffered significant injuries.