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## Massillon Man Sentenced to 40-to-45.5 Years in Prison In Connection With Four Separate Cases

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 14, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux sentenced Delbert Rackley, 21, of Harvard Avenue NE in Massillon, to 40-to-45.5 years in prison for his role in four separate gun cases, including one which resulted in the death of a 23-year-old Akron Man.

Prior to sentencing, Rackley pled guilty to the following charges on the separate cases:

- Voluntary Manslaughter with a Gun Specification – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Five Counts of Felonious Assault with Gun Specifications – Felonies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Three Counts of Having a Weapon Under Disability – Felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

In July of 2021, close to 200 vehicles were in a parking lot on South Hawkins Avenue in Akron, with people blocking traffic, doing donuts in the parking lot, and drag racing. In the middle of the chaos, Rackley approached 23-year-old Marquis Sams and shot him several times. Sams later died from his injuries. A teenager was also injured in the shooting.

About three weeks prior to the shooting Rackley shot at a party bus while travelling on I-77. Two people on the bus were injured. Another vehicle was struck, but no one inside was hurt.

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In the two other separate cases, Akron Police discovered Rackley to be in possession of a gun after officers pulled over a vehicle Rackley was travelling in.