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## **Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Killing LYFT Driver in 2021**

AKRON, Ohio (date) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today Kahlyl Powe, 26, of East Buchtel Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to several charges including the May 2021 murder of Kristopher Roukey.

Powe pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder with a Firearm Specification – a Special Felony
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon – a Felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle – a Felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon While Under Detention – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Felonious Assault – a Felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree
- Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer – a Felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

In May of 2021, Powe shot and killed 48-year-old Kristopher Roukey. Roukey was working as a LYFT ride-share driver and had picked up Powe in the area of East Market Street and East Buchtel Avenue in Akron when Powe shot and killed him.

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Powe underwent three mental health evaluations between November of 2021 and July of 2023. In January of 2024, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty ruled Powe was competent to stand trial.

In January of 2022, while in the Summit County jail for the murder of Roukey, Powe was charged with assaulting a Sheriff's Deputy. In a separate incident at the Summit County jail in February of 2023, Powe was charged with assaulting another inmate.

Judge McCarty is scheduled to sentence Powe on Thursday, May 16 at 3pm.