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## **Akron Man Sentenced to 15-to-20.5 Years in Prison in Connection With Shooting Death**

*40-Year-Old Dakinga York Pled Guilty Immediately Prior to Sentencing*

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, May 7, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Dakinga York, 40, of 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Akron, to 15-to-20.5 years in prison for the August 2023 shooting death of 45-year-old Veronica Bell.

Prior to sentencing, York pled guilty to the following charges:

- Voluntary Manslaughter with a Firearm Specification – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Aggravated Assault – a Felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Tampering With Evidence – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

On August 12, 2023, Dakinga York shot Veronica Ball following a physical altercation.