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Summit County Jury Finds Akron Man Guilty of Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, August 2, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that a Summit County jury found Desean Williamson, 25, of Basin Terrace in Akron, guilty of murder in the 2021 death of 20-year-old Gage Zirke.

Jurors found Williamson guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Murder – Special Felonies
- Felonious Assault – a Felony of the 2nd Degree

“Thank you to the jury, prosecutors, police officers, and victim advocates for their dedication and hard work in holding Desean Williamson accountable. Summit County’s streets are safer with Williamson behind bars,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

On May 28, 2024, co-defendant Teion Thompson, 22 of Storer Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to the following charge:

- Obstructing Justice – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

On July 25, 2021, Gage Zirke was found shot to death in his car in the area of 11th Street and West Wilbeth Road in Akron. Investigators determined Williamson shot Zirke following an argument. Thompson drove Williamson from the scene of the shooting. In March of 2023, members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force captured Williamson at an Akron home. Officers arrested Thompson the same day at a Cleveland home.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jennifer Towell is scheduled to sentence Williamson Monday, August 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.