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Mogadore Man Sentenced to 10-to-14 Years in Prison for Deadly Crash

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, August 14, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Daniel Shanaberger, 37, of Cleveland Avenue in Mogadore, to 10-to-14 years in prison for a 2023 crash which killed 33-year-old Ta'Shanna Junius.

Judge McCarty also suspended Shanaberger's driver's license for life.

On June 24, 2024, Judge McCarty found Shanaberger guilty after he pled no contest to the following charges:

- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a Felony of the 1st Degree
- Aggravated Vehicular Assault – a Felony of the 3rd Degree
- Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence – a Misdemeanor of the 1st Degree

On March 14, 2023, Ta'Shanna Junius was in her car at a red light on Manchester Road at West Wilbeth Road in Akron when Shanaberger slammed into the back of her vehicle. Junius' vehicle then collided with another car which caused serious injuries to the driver Cristina Williams. Investigators found Shanaberger was under the influence of several drugs, including cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, morphine, marijuana, and hydrocodone at the time of the crash.

“My heart breaks for Ta’Shanna Junius and her family, including Ta’Shanna’s young daughter, whom Ta’Shanna had dropped off at preschool moments before the crash. Ta’Shanna was a beloved member of the community, and her death is a tragedy which will be felt for years,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. “This was a horrible incident and I’m glad to know the defendant will spend a significant time in prison. I also want to thank the Akron Police Department, the Summit County Sheriff’s Office, and the Ohio State Patrol for their outstanding work on this case.”