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Summit County Prosecutor's Office Successful in Keeping Convicted Killer in Prison

Ohio Parole Board Denies Parole for Murderer

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, August 21, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that the Ohio Parole Board denied parole for Deonmond Gethers, 49. Gethers was convicted in the 1993 murder of a 23-year-old Akron mother.

On August 20, 2024, the Ohio Parole Board held a full board hearing to determine whether Gethers should be released from prison. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office participated in the hearing and voiced concerns about the risk to the community and the impact this crime had on the victim's family. In a 5-4 vote, the Ohio Parole Board denied Gethers parole. Gethers, who has served just over 30 years of his life sentence, is next up for parole in 2027.

On March 1, 1993, Ann Marie Cox was inside her Westerly Road apartment with her young child when she was shot several times through a window. Investigators determined Deonmond Gethers, who was 17-years-old at the time, was the shooter. After the murder, Gethers escaped to Southern California where his mother lived, where he was eventually arrested and brought back to Ohio. Gethers was convicted and sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON.

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“Ann Marie Cox was senselessly gunned down in front of her young daughter, whose only memory of her mother is her murder. My office will continue to fight for victims and their families regardless of how old the case is,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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