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## New Franklin Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for 2022 Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, October 18, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Eric Mendoza, 41, of Dailey Road in New Franklin, to LIFE IN PRISON for the 2022 murder of 53-year-old Jeffrey Fisher.

Mendoza will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years of his sentence.

"Jeffrey Fisher was leaving the scene when Eric Mendoza shot him in the back. I hope that this lengthy prison sentence will provide some comfort to Jeffrey's family as the person responsible will spend a significant amount of time behind bars," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

On October 8, 2024, Mendoza pled guilty to the following charge:

Murder with a Gun Specification – an Unspecified Felony

In September of 2022 after a brief verbal dispute, Mendoza shot and killed Fisher as Fisher rode away on his motorcycle from Mendoza's home on Dailey Road in New Franklin.