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## Akron Teen Sentenced to Minimum of 15 Years for Role in Death of Carlos Godineaux

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, November 25, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Judge Jennifer Towell sentenced Jontay Johnson, 19, of Scenic Way in Akron, to a minimum prison term of 15 years for his role in the death of Carlos Godineaux.

Johnson previously pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- Conspiracy to Commit Involuntary Manslaughter – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Robbery – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Having Weapons Under Disability – a Felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

In February 2024, Godineaux was shot and killed on Bellevue Avenue near Diagonal Road on Akron's west side. Investigators determined Godineaux went to the area to sell shoes to a person he met through Facebook Marketplace. Evidence and tips led police to Johnson and a 15-year-old. A week after the shooting, Akron Police arrested the 15-year-old. Days later the U.S. Marshals Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force tracked Johnson down to a location in Canton and took him into custody.

The 15-year-old admitted to one count of murder in juvenile court and is currently committed to the Ohio Department of Youth Services until he is 21.

"This was a senseless tragedy that led to the death of a young father of three," Prosecutor Kolkovich said. "My sympathy goes to the victim's family, and I am thankful that those responsible for his death have been held accountable."

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