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## Two Akron Brothers Sentenced for Role in Murder/Robbery Plot

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, December 2, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin sentenced two brothers for their roles in the shooting death of Kei’Juan Harrison.

Deshawn Coleman, 21, of Akron, Ohio pleaded guilty to one count of:

- Murder with a firearm specification – a Special Felony.

His brother, Eric Farrey, 24, also of Akron, Ohio, pleaded guilty to one count of:

- Conspiracy to Commit Murder with a firearm specification – a Felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

On October 15, 2020, Coleman and Farrey approached Kei’Juan after he left a cellphone store, pulled a firearm out, and demanded money. After Kei’Juan refused, Coleman shot him in the chest. Kei’Juan was able to run away to a house on Fifth Street, where Akron Police officers found him. Unfortunately, Kei’Juan died later from his wounds. In addition to witness statements, DNA, video surveillance, and ballistics comparison technology tied Coleman and Farrey to the murder.

Judge McLaughlin sentenced Coleman to life in prison with parole eligibility after 18 years. She sentenced Farrey to a minimum prison term of 16 years, which also addressed his convictions in two unrelated assault cases. Under the Reagan Tokes Law, Farrey’s sentence could extend up to 21.5 years based on his behavior in prison. Judge McLaughlin also designated Coleman and Farrey as Violent Offenders. Upon Farrey’s release from prison and if Coleman is released from prison by the parole board, they must annually register as Violent Offenders for 10 years.

“Deshawn Coleman and Eric Farrey ended a man’s life over the money in his wallet,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. “They deserve their lengthy prison sentences, which will make the streets of Summit County safer. Thank you to my assistant prosecutors and the Akron Police Department for their work in holding these individuals accountable.”

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