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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR GLADYS INGERSOLL

Ingersoll was Found Guilty Last Week for Murder of China Shephard in the Oasis Bar Women's Bathroom

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Gladys Sashay Ingersoll, 24, has been sentenced to life in prison for the 2022 murder of Chyna Shepard inside the women's bathroom of the Oasis Surf and Turf bar in Akron. Ingersoll will be eligible for parole consideration after serving 21 years.

"I continue to offer my sympathies to Chyna Shepard's family, and I hope this sentence brings them some peace as they continue to grapple with the loss of their loved one," said Prosecutor Kolkovich. "Gun violence hurts our entire community, and I want to thank the Akron Police Department and my assistant prosecutors for working to hold this offender accountable."

In July 2022, Ingersoll shot and killed Chyna Shepard, 21, after starting a fight with Chyna and following her to the women's bathroom of the Oasis Surf and Turf Bar, which was formerly located in the North Hill neighborhood of Akron. Ingersoll then fled the scene, leading to a foot chase with Akron police. After her apprehension, Ingersoll was arrested and charged. Witness testimony and ballistics testing connected Ingersoll to the offenses. Jurors found Ingersoll guilty of murder, felonious assault, and obstructing official business – each with a firearm specification – last week.

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