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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 13 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAN WHO POINTED GUN AT TALLMADGE POLICE OFFICERS

Beall Committed Arson, Led Police on a Nearly 25-Mile Chase

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Larry Beall, Jr., 43, was sentenced to at least 9 years and 9 months for arson and pointing a gun at two Tallmadge police officers after leading law enforcement through a multi-county chase. This sentence will be served consecutively to additional sentences Beall previously received for other charges unrelated to this case, bringing his total prison sentence up to at least 13 years. Beal will also be placed on the Ohio Arson Registry and will be required to register with the local Sheriff annually for the rest of his life.

Beall was found guilty after pleading no contest to one count of Aggravated Arson – a 2^{nd} Degree Felony – and submitting Alford pleas for the following charges:

- One count of Felonious Assault of a Law Enforcement Officer with a 3-year Firearm Specification a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a 2nd Degree Felony.

Previously, Beall was found guilty of Forgery, another count of Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer, and Nonsupport of Dependents.

"This is just another reminder of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make every time they step into the line of duty. I want to thank the responding officers of the Tallmadge Police Department for their bravery and service to protect our communities and bring Beall to justice," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

Early in the morning on June 13, 2023, Beall set his house on fire that he had been attempting to rent or sell—about 2 months after insuring the home. Accelerant was found in the house, and many items had been moved out prior to the fire.

On June 22, 2023, Beall fled from police in his vehicle when they attempted to take him into custody on outstanding warrants related to the fire. He took police on a chase for 24.8 miles before barricading himself in

his truck and pointing his gun at the Tallmadge police officers. Social media posts on Beall's accounts and texts from his phone mentioned threats to law enforcement officers.