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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF MAPLE HEIGHTS MAN FOR VEHICULAR ASSAULT

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Derrell Vanhorn, 39, was found guilty of vehicular assault after pleading to multiple charges related to a serious accident he caused in August of 2020.

Vanhorn pleaded guilty to:

- Three counts of Aggravated Vehicular Assault – each a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence – a 1st Degree Misdemeanor.

“I’m so grateful that nobody was killed due to Vanhorn’s recklessness, but that doesn’t lessen injuries and trauma sustained by the innocent people he crashed his car into,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“With so many options to get around now – from public transit, to taxis, to ride share apps– there’s no excuse for drunk driving.”**

In August 2020, Vanhorn was travelling at a high rate of speed and ran a stop sign. He hit another vehicle, pushing it into a house on the corner and totaling both vehicles. Vanhorn’s actions injured three people, two of which sustained severe injuries. At the hospital, Vanhorn was disoriented and slurring his speech, and vomited on himself. A search warrant was obtained to test Vanhorn’s blood, and he had a blood alcohol level of 0.198.

Vanhorn is scheduled to be sentenced on May 12, 2025 at 9 a.m. He faces mandatory prison time and a class 3 license suspension.

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