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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES PRISON TERM FOR MAN CONVICTED OF AGGRAVATED VEHICULAR ASSAULT

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Derrell Vanhorn, 39, was sentenced to 9 years in prison for aggravated vehicular assault after causing a serious collision in August of 2020.

In April, 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 incredibly thankful that no lives were lost due to Vanhorn’s reckless actions, but that doesn’t diminish the pain, injuries, and lasting trauma endured by the innocent people he harmed. I urge everyone to make responsible choices and never get behind the wheel while under the influence,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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, had slurred 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’s Class 3 license suspension resulted in a mandatory license revocation with a suspension period of 10 years.

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