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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES MORE THAN 7 YEARS IN PRISON FOR COVENTRY STREET SHOOTING

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Stacy Martin, 27, was sentenced to seven years and nine months to nine years and nine months in prison for the 2024 shooting of Elijah Jones outside Martin’s home on Coventry Street. Martin was also designated a Violent Offender, which means he will have to register with his local sheriff’s office once a year for a decade, and within three days of moving to a new address.

In April, Martin pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Voluntary Manslaughter with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Obstructing Justice – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“Ohio law only permits the use of force in self-defense when there is an immediate and ongoing threat. Firing at someone who is running away, with no ability to cause further harm, falls outside those legal boundaries,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In August 2024, four masked individuals, including Elijah Jones, forcefully entered Martin’s Coventry Street residence through the front door. The intruders stole firearms and drugs before attempting to escape the same way they entered. As they fled, Jones fell, and as he got up to run again, Martin shot him in the back, fatally wounding him. Martin then proceeded to hide the gun and upon his interview with law enforcement, attempted to lie and state that he was not present during the altercation. Under Ohio law, self-defense only applies when a person reasonably believes that they are facing an imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm, and the use of force must be reasonable and proportionate to the threat faced.

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