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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR THE MURDER OF PAIGE CALICH

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Denzel Pope, 20, was found guilty for the 2024 murder of 24-year-old Paige Calich outside her home on Socrates Place in Akron. In May, Pope’s co-defendant and sister, Corvette Pope, 26, pleaded guilty to one count of Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony of the 2nd degree, and one count of Obstructing Justice, a felony of the 3rd degree.

A Summit County Jury found Denzel Pope guilty of the following charges:

- Two counts of Murder with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – an Unclassified Felony;
- Two counts of Felonious Assault with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – a 2nd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“One week ago marked the one-year anniversary of Paige Calich’s tragic death. Nothing can bring Paige back, but I hope this conviction helps her family continue to heal. Denzel Pope’s senseless cruelty has taken away a mother, a sister, and a daughter, and he cannot run from his crimes any longer,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In July 2024, Corvette Pope and Paige Calich got into a fight at the Summit Lake apartments. Approximately two hours later, Corvette and Denzel walked from Corvette’s apartment in Cicero Plaza to Paige Calich’s apartment located in Socrates Place. Once they arrived, Calich’s three-year-old son exited the house first, followed by Calich. When Denzel saw Calich walk onto her porch, he shot her with a shotgun. Denzel and Corvette fled the scene, and Denzel later fled the state. Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority camera footage, text messages between the co-defendants, and witness testimony connected the Popes to the crime.

Denzel Pope is scheduled to be sentenced on August 15, 2025 and Corvette Pope is scheduled to be sentenced on August 11, 2025.

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