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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES SENTENCES FOR THE MURDER OF PAIGE CALICH

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Denzel Pope, 20, was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility for parole after 30 years for the 2024 murder of 24-year-old Paige Calich outside her home at the Socrates Place units in Akron. Earlier this week, Pope’s co-defendant and sister, Corvette Pope, 26, was sentenced to 5 to 7.5 years in prison for her role in the case.

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.

In May 2025, Corvette Pope pleaded guilty to the following counts:

- One count of Involuntary Manslaughter – a 1st Degree Felony; and
- One count of Obstructing Justice – a felony of the 3rd Degree.

“I do not and will not tolerate gun violence in Summit County. There is no excuse for the act that ended Paige Calich’s life and robbed her young children of their mother. While nothing can make up for the loss of Paige, I hope this sentence offers a step toward healing for Paige’s family,” 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.

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