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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER OF ROLAND WILLIAMS

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Kaylon Adams, 33, was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for the 2024 murder of Roland Williams outside the Pour House Bar in Akron. Adams will be eligible for parole after 21 years in prison. In April, Adams' co-defendant Endessia Atkins, 31, pleaded guilty to Obstructing Justice and Tampering with Evidence, both 3rd Degree Felonies. She was sentenced to 6 years in prison.

Adams pleaded guilty to the following charges:

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

“Gunfire in public spaces risks innocent lives and shatters the sense of safety in our community. I will continue to prosecute violent gun crimes to the fullest extent of the law,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“My deepest condolences go out to Roland’s loved ones as they grieve his loss. I also want to thank the Akron Police Department for their thorough and efficient investigative work throughout this case.”**

In March 2024, Kaylon Adams stalked and pursued Roland Williams while Williams was outside the Pour House Bar in Akron. Adams approached and fatally shot Williams multiple times. During the altercation, Adams sustained injuries to his knee and foot. When questioned by investigators at the hospital, Adams and co-defendant Atkins provided false information about Adams' identity and the details of the shooting. However, footage from multiple security cameras near the scene and FLOCK cameras confirmed Adams as the shooter. In addition, shell casings collected from the scene were matched to a firearm recovered in separate investigations involving Adams by the Mahoning County authorities.

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