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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER OF DOUGLAS WATERS

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Gerald Wilson, 30, was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison for the 2024 murder shooting of Douglas Waters at his girlfriend's residence on Wren Walk in Akron. Wilson will be eligible for parole after 18 years. Co-defendant Davionne Bigby, 27, is scheduled for trial on November 17, 2025.

Wilson pleaded no contest to the following charges:

- Two counts of Murder, one with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – an Unclassified Felony;
- One count of Aggravated Burglary – a 1st Degree Felony; and
- One count of Felonious Assault – a 2nd Degree Felony.

“I want to extend my sincerest condolences to Douglas Waters’ family and loved ones as they continue to grieve this loss,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“I also want to thank the witnesses that came forward and made it possible to bring this case to justice. I have no tolerance for gun violence in Summit County, and will continue to hold these violent offenders accountable,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In November 2024, Wilson and Bigby went to the Wren Walk Street residence of Douglas Waters’ girlfriend and forced entry through the back door. Bigby restrained Waters’ girlfriend while Wilson shot Waters multiple times in his bed. The two then fled the scene. Wilson was later located by police walking on a nearby street. Bigby fled the area and was picked up by an associate, who drove him to a different location. Prior to the shooting, Wilson had expressed a desire to confront Waters out of jealousy over his girlfriend. Witness testimony and defendant confessions ultimately connected Wilson and Bigby to the crime.

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