



# ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

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### **PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES 16 TO 18.5 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FIELD HOUSE LOUNGE SHOOTING**

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Jakel Blackwell, 22, of Akron, was sentenced to 16 to 18.5 years in prison for shooting multiple patrons in 2025 at the Field House Lounge in Akron.

Last month, Blackwell pleaded no contest to the following charges:

- Three counts of Felonious Assault – a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Felony with a 3-Year Firearm Specification;
- One count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony; and
- One count of Illegal Possession of a Firearm in a Liquor Permit Premises – a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony.

**“Jakel Blackwell’s actions were reckless and violent, causing harm to three innocent civilians that night. To this day these victims are still recovering from their injuries, one of whom is paralyzed from the waist down. My sympathies are with them as they continue to heal from Blackwell’s senseless actions,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In March 2025, Akron Police Department officers arrived at the Field House Lounge in Akron in reference to a shooting, locating two injured patrons on scene. Both victims were shot in the back and transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Another victim was reported to the police by Akron General Hospital in Stow, who was a walk-in patient with a gunshot wound to the left leg. Officers recovered two .40 Caliber cartridge casings on the scene. Surveillance footage was collected at the scene and portrayed an individual getting into a physical fight with other patrons before pulling out a gun and firing twice at his opponent. These shots injured three innocent people not involved in the altercation. The first bullet struck the first victim in the leg, and the second shot hit the second victim in the back, going through his upper torso before striking the third victim in the back. The following day, officers received an anonymous voicemail stating the suspect was Jakel Blackwell, who matched the description of the shooter provided by witness testimony and surveillance footage.

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