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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY PLEA FOR DEATH OF BRIAN COFER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Terrance Williams, 25, of Canton, pleaded guilty yesterday for his role in the 2024 death of 40-year-old Brian Cofer.

Williams pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Involuntary Manslaughter with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – a 1st Degree Felony;
and
- Two counts of Felonious Assault – both 2nd Degree Felonies.

“Brian Cofer was senselessly killed for trying to remove uninvited, violent guests from a party. I want to extend my condolences to his loved ones as they grieve this tremendous loss,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“I want to thank the Springfield Township Police Department for their incredibly thorough investigative work on this case. If you commit a violent crime with a gun in Summit County, you will be held accountable.”**

In October 2024, Terrance Williams and other individuals crashed a house party on Canton Road and began fighting with the partygoers. Multiple victims were injured in the fight, including two who were pistol-whipped numerous times, resulting in head injuries that required stitches or staples. One of those victims also suffered broken ribs. During the fight, partygoers attempted to make the party crashers leave, and Brian Cofer attempted to use a barstool to push Williams out. Williams shot Cofer once through the abdomen, and he died of his injuries at the hospital. Witness testimony, video footage captured during the shooting, and assistance from the Canton Police Department identified Williams as the shooter.

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