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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR MURDER OF RAZEIL ROBINSON

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Timothy Whitthorne, 34, of Cleveland, was found guilty for the 2025 murder of 27-year-old Razeil Robinson nearby the Rosemary Square apartments in Akron.

A Summit County Jury found Whitthorne guilty of the following charges:

- One count of Intentional Murder with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – an Unclassified Felony;
- One count of Murder with a 3-Year Firearm Specification – an Unclassified Felony;
- One count 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.

"Razeil Robinson was simply walking down the street that night, and Timothy Whitthorne shot and killed him. They had never met before that night. This irrational violence is disturbing and cruel, and I am grateful for the Akron Police investigators who were able to identify Whitthorne as the killer and get him off the streets. My condolences go out to Razeil's family and friends for this tremendous and senseless loss," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In the pre-dawn hours of September 2025, an employee arriving to work on Rosemary Blvd located a cell phone with its flashlight activated in the employer's parking lot. Due to poor visibility, employees did not notice a body lying in the grass until later. Employees were unable to find a pulse and called EMS and Law enforcement. Officers identified the deceased as 27 year old Razeil Robinson. Robinson had sustained two gunshot wounds, one to his neck and the other entered through his arm and into his chest causing fatal injuries to his lungs and heart. Surveillance footage captured Timothy Whitthorne and a woman walking in the area before, during and after the shooting. Officers were able to identify and locate the woman who admitted that Whitthorne shot at Robinson multiple times after Robinson approached her and Whitthorne at the benches near 1081 Rosemary Blvd with his hand in his pocket. Whitthorne and the woman then fled the scene to a friend's apartment before traveling to Cleveland where they were found by the Northeast Ohio Violent Fugitive Taskforce. During a search of the residence that Whitthorne and his companion were hiding out at, officers recovered a Glock 40 that matched the shell casings located at the scene of the homicide.

Whitthorne is scheduled to be sentenced at 10 A.M. on November 17, 2026.

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