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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER OF RAZEIL ROBINSON

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Timothy Whitthorne, 34, of Cleveland, was sentenced to 27 years to life in prison for the 2025 murder of 27-year-old Razeil Robinson nearby the Rosemary Square apartments in Akron. Whitthorne will be eligible to apply for parole after 27 years in prison.

Last week, a Summit County Jury found Whitthorne guilty of the following charges:

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

"The life of Razeil Robinson was cut short by a senseless act, and my thoughts are with his family and friends as they navigate this loss. While no sentence can bring Razeil back, I hope today offers some measure of closure to his loved ones," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In the pre-dawn hours of September 25, 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.

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