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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 18 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DEATH OF BRIAN COFER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Terrance Williams, 25, of Canton, was sentenced to 18 to 23 years in prison for his role in the 2024 death of 40-year-old Brian Cofer.

Last April, 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.

“The violence of Terrance Williams resulted in the death of Brian Cofer, who was simply trying to remove violent, uninvited guests from the scene in an effort to protect others. Gun violence has no place in Summit County,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“Our condolences are with Brian’s family and loved ones during this difficult time,”**

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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