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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAJOR DRUG OFFENDER WHO SHOT AT POLICE OFFICER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Rodney Andrus, Jr., 29, of Akron was sentenced last week to a total of 20 to 25.5 years in prison across three cases, with charges including drug trafficking and firearms offenses.

Andrus pleaded guilty to one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3rd Degree Felony – with a Specification for Forfeiture of a Weapon. He also pleaded no contest to the following:

- One count of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a 1st Degree Felony, with a Major Drug Offender Specification and a Specification for Forfeiture of Money in a Drug Case;
- One count of Trafficking in a Fentanyl-Related Compound – a 1st Degree Felony – with a Major Drug Offender Specification and a Specification for Forfeiture of Money in a Drug Case;
- One count of Felonious Assault – a 1st Degree Felony – with a seven-year Firearm Specification;
- Two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3rd Degree Felony – with six Specifications for Forfeiture of a Weapon While Under Disability;
- One count of Improperly Discharging a Firearm At or Into a Habitation or a School Safety Zone – a 2nd Degree Felony;
- Two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability – a 3rd Degree Felony – with one count including six Specifications for Forfeiture of a Weapon While Under Disability;
- One count of Discharge of Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises – a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Tampering with Evidence – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“I want to thank the officers of the Akron Police Department who put themselves in harm’s way to bring Rodney Andrus Jr. to justice, particularly the officer who was shot at while carrying out their duties. These incidents are a stark reminder of how dangerous this profession can be, and I deeply appreciate the courage and dedication of every officer who works to keep our community safe,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In November 2023, an Akron Police Officer responded to the sound of gunshots near South Arlington Road. The officer pursued a vehicle with the suspected perpetrators, and the vehicle occupants fired at the officer before fleeing. The vehicle was later identified and tracked down, and the owner claimed Andrus was renting the vehicle. Casings found in the intersection where the officer was shot at were later connected to casings

found at an address connected to Andrus during the execution of a search warrant in October 2024 as part of a drug trafficking investigation. During the search, officers recovered 6 guns, 316 grams of meth, 176 grams of fentanyl, \$1,240 in cash, scales, baggies, a money counter, and a 3D printer. During a separate search of an additional address—Andrus’ home—officers recovered \$2,230 in cash and multiple cellphones. Location data from Andrus’ cell phone also placed him at the location of the 2023 shooting.

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