

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Dontay Taylor Sentenced to Life for Embassy Lounge Murder

(February 20, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands sentenced Dontay Taylor, 23, of Eva Avenue in Akron, to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 2052.

On July 23, 2012, Taylor went to Embassy Lounge on Romig Avenue in Akron with two male friends. The bar's manager, Wes Tucker, refused to let Taylor enter because he had a history of causing trouble there. Taylor and Tucker started arguing. Taylor went to the car, got a gun and returned to the bar, firing eight times toward Tucker. Two patrons were hit but survived. A third person, 38-year-old Rahsaan Price, died of a gunshot wound to the neck.

"Dontay Taylor robbed children of their father and stole a husband from a wife. He also sent two people to the hospital with gunshot wounds," said Prosecutor Walsh. "He earned his life sentence."

A jury found Taylor guilty of Murder with a firearm specification; three counts of Felonious Assault, felonies of the second degree with firearm specifications; and Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree on February 11.