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## Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Murder

*Willie Hicks Sentenced to Life in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, August 08, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Willie Hicks, 45, of Eva Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to shooting another person to death at an Akron bar.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Scot Stevenson immediately sentenced Hicks to Life in Prison. Hicks will be eligible for parole after 18 years.

Hicks pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder with a Firearm Specification – a special felony
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

On January 7, 2016, Hicks got into an argument with Lenthric Caldwell at the Hi-De-Ho Lounge in Akron. The two continued to argue outside of the bar. Caldwell went back inside while Hicks remained outside for a short period of time. About 10 minutes later, Hicks went back inside the bar, armed with a shotgun. Hicks eventually shot and killed the 39-year-old Caldwell.