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## Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, May 20, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux sentenced Andre Warren, 28, of West Waterford Road in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for shooting 31-year-old Dominique Thomas to death in July of 2018.

Warren will be eligible for parole after serving 29 years of his sentence.

On April 17, 2019, a Summit County jury found Warren guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Murder with Gun Specifications – special felonies
- Two Counts of Felonious Assault with Gun Specifications – felonies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- One Count of Having Weapons Under Disability – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- One Count of Escape – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- One Count of Carrying a Concealed Weapon – a felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree

On July 1, 2018, Dominique Thomas and two others pulled into the parking lot of a restaurant on Pioneer Street in Akron. Thomas and one other person exited the car. Andre Warren, who had just walked out of the restaurant, opened fire at Thomas, hitting him three times. A second suspect, 32-year-old Bryan Esters, then chased Thomas around the car and shot him four more times at point blank range in the back while Thomas was on the ground. Thomas died from the seven gunshot wounds. One of the other passengers was also shot but suffered non-life threatening injuries.

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Both Warren and Esters fled the scene in separate cars. Esters crashed into another vehicle while trying to get away. Warren then picked up Esters and both took off. Warren also cut off a GPS bracelet he was required to wear as part of the conditions of his post release control for a separate case of domestic violence.

Bryan Esters of Fern Street in Akron is also charged in the shooting and remains a fugitive.