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**Dawud Spaulding Guilty of December Akron Shooting Spree**  
*Spaulding Faces the Death Penalty*

**AKRON, OHIO – November 9, 2012** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that a jury found Dawud Spaulding, 30, of East Buchtel Avenue in Akron, guilty of:

- Two counts of Aggravated Murder, with a specification for killing two or more people
- Attempted Murder, a felony of the first degree, with a firearm specification
- Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree, with a firearm specification
- Domestic Violence, a felony of the third degree
- Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree
- Intimidation of a Crime Victim, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and
- Violation of a Protection Order, a misdemeanor of the first degree

Erica Singleton, Spaulding's girlfriend and mother of his seven-year-old son and two-year-old daughter, had filed for a civil protection order and was in hiding from Spaulding when he murdered her. Spaulding had discovered where Singleton was staying and drove by the house on the morning of December 15, shooting and paralyzing Patrick Griffin, who was leaving the home. Later that morning, Spaulding returned to the home and shot and killed Singleton and Ernie Thomas, Griffin's uncle, in the driveway. Because the jury found Spaulding guilty of the specification for murdering two people, Spaulding faces the death penalty.

"This was a brutal, calculated shooting spree that left two people dead and a third near death, and it illustrates the seriousness of domestic violence," said Prosecutor Walsh. "I thank the jury and everyone who worked on this very difficult case for ensuring justice for Erica, Ernie and Patrick."

The mitigation phase, during which the jury determines whether Spaulding should be sentenced to death, is scheduled to begin December 4.