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**Death Sentence Affirmed for Ashford Thompson**  
*Convicted of Murdering Officer Joshua Miktarian*

**AKRON, OHIO – October 29, 2014** – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the Supreme Court of Ohio has affirmed the convictions and death sentence for Ashford Thompson.

Thompson was found guilty on June 3, 2010, of the Aggravated Murder of Twinsburg Police Officer Joshua Miktarian. In the early morning hours of July 13, 2008, Officer Miktarian pulled Thompson's car over for playing loud music and suspicion of drunk driving. Within minutes after Officer Miktarian reported pulling the car over and then calling for backup, Thompson pulled a concealed handgun from his pocket and shot point blank into Officer Miktarian's head. As the officer fell to the ground, Thompson bent down, placed the gun against the officer's head and fired three more times. Thompson and his girlfriend fled the scene and he was later found at his sister's house in Bedford, where he fought with Bedford Officers. Officer Miktarian's engraved handcuffs were still on his wrist.

Thompson has the option to appeal the decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio to the Supreme Court of the United States.

To view entire Opinion of the Supreme Court of Ohio follow <http://1.usa.gov/1thiAn2>.