

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Juvenile Pleads to Murder

(February 17, 2015... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that Alexis Martin, 16, of 3rd Street in Canton, pleaded guilty to:

- Murder, a special felony, with a firearm specification
- Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree

On November 7, 2013, Travaski Jackson, Dashaun Spear, and Martin organized a robbery that left one man dead and another with a bullet wound in his head. Janae Jones and Martin went into the home of Angelo Kerney. Jones and Martin distracted Kerney and his brother Alecio Samuel so that Jackson and Spear could enter the home to rob the victims. Spear shot Kerney, 36, who died during the robbery from his injuries. Samuel, 20, was shot in the head but survived.

Jones pleaded guilty to Murder and received 15 years to Life. Spear pleaded guilty on July 7, the morning of his trial, to Aggravated Murder with a firearm specification and Attempted Murder with a firearm specification and was sentenced to Life with Parole eligibility after 41 years are served. Jackson, who is serving a 27 year sentence on an unrelated crime, went to trial and was found guilty of Murder. Jackson is awaiting sentencing.

Judge Thomas Parker will sentence Martin on March 24, 2015 at 1:00p.m. Martin faces a sentence of 26 years to Life in prison.

Martin, while a juvenile at the time of the crime, was ordered by Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio to be tried as an adult. Once Martin turns 18 she will serve the remainder of her sentence in a state prison.