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Lance Mason Sentenced to Life in Prison
for November 2018 Murder of Ex-Wife in Shaker Heights

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Lance Mason, 52, was sentenced to Life in prison for murdering his ex-wife Aisha Fraser, 45, in Shaker Heights on November 17, 2018.

“While the final chapter of this horrific case has now ended, the pain and suffering Lance Mason inflicted upon Ms. Fraser’s parents, daughters, family, and friends will last forever. She was an irreplaceable inspiration who touched the lives of an entire community,” said Prosecutor O’Malley. “Our thoughts remain with her loved ones as well as with Officer Flynt, who continues to struggle daily as a result of these barbaric actions.”

On November 17, 2018, the victim drove their 8 and 11-year-old daughters to a Shaker Heights residence that Mason was staying at on Chagrin Blvd near Normandy Road. The defendant had moved into the residence earlier that summer with his sister who was renting it from the victim. The victim planned to drop off one of their daughters for a martial arts class that Mason had agreed to take her to that morning. When they arrived, the victim and their daughter walked to the side door while the other daughter waited in the car. Mason opened the door and immediately attacked the victim in the driveway, stabbing her numerous times. Their daughter ran inside to notify Mason’s sister who called the police.

Shaker Heights Police arrived on scene immediately. As officers were setting up a perimeter to secure the scene, Mason got in the victim’s vehicle and attempted to drive away. He drove directly at a police cruiser and crashed into the driver’s side door pinning Officer Adam Flynt, 42, between both vehicles. Mason then exited the vehicle and attempted to run away ignoring officers’ commands. He ran back into his residence where officers arrested him shortly thereafter. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The police officer was transported to a hospital and treated for severe injuries.

Mason pled guilty to the charges he was originally indicted on, which include one count of Aggravated Murder, one count of Murder, two counts of Felonious Assault (one on a Peace Officer), one count of Grand Theft, and one count of Violating a protection order

The investigation was conducted by the Shaker Heights Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Mason was sentenced to Life in prison and will be eligible for parole after serving 35 years.

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