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**Cleveland Man Sentenced to Prison for
20 – 25½ Years for Shooting UPS Driver**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Joel Parker Jr., 42, was sentenced to a range of 20 to 25½ years in prison for shooting a UPS driver in Cleveland.

“This was a wholly unprovoked, cold-blooded attack upon a man simply trying to do his job,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “This long prison sentence is rightfully deserved.”

On October 1, 2019, Parker approached the 55-year-old victim near E. 55th St. and Scovill Ave., pointed a shotgun at him, and demanded money. When the victim handed him money, Parker demanded more, and the victim locked himself in his truck and called 911. Parker shot into the truck striking the victim in his head, chest, wrist, leg, and foot. After Parker threatened he would shoot him again, the victim opened the door, gave him more money, and Parker fled the scene. The victim was transported to a hospital for emergency trauma care.

Cleveland Police responded to the scene and apprehended Parker within minutes at his nearby apartment. Upon his arrest, officers located the shotgun and the stolen money soaked in the victim's blood.

Parker pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Robbery, with a 3-year Firearm Specification
- Felonious Assault, with a 3-year Firearm Specification
- Having Weapons Under Disability

He was sentenced to a range of 20 to 25½ years in prison.

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