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Cleveland Man Convicted of Murder, Sentenced to Life in Prison for Killing Willoughby Man In Collinwood Neighborhood

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County judge has found Treal White, 22, guilty of murder and other charges for killing a Willoughby man, 25, and shooting another man, 27, in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood.

"This senseless killing is yet another sad example of the gun violence that is plaguing our community," said Prosecutor O'Malley, "This individual has earned this prison sentence."

On September 21, 2019, White, both victims, and other males were engaged in a conversation on Alhambra Road near Kipling Avenue in Cleveland. Following a dispute, White retrieved a semi-automatic rifle from a nearby vehicle and fired multiple shots before he and the other males fled the scene. The Cleveland Division of Police (CPD), Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO) responded to the scene. They found the 25-year-old victim had suffered five gunshot wounds to his head, chest, arms, and foot, and pronounced him deceased on scene. The 27-year-old victim, who suffered two gunshot wounds, was transported by EMS to the hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

CPD's Homicide Unit conducted an investigation that connected White to the crime through DNA evidence, forensic ballistics, and eyewitness accounts. The investigation revealed that White disposed of the murder weapon in a nearby garage after he fled the scene. DNA evidence collected from the recovered gun and magazine was tested by the CCMEO's Forensic Lab and matched to White. Investigators also recovered bullet casings at the scene that matched the murder weapon used by White.

On March 22, 2021, White waived his right to have his case heard by a Cuyahoga County jury and the case proceeded to trial. On March 29, 2021, a Cuyahoga County judge found him guilty of the following charges:

- **Two counts of Murder**
- **Two counts of Felonious Assault**
- **One count of Discharge Of Firearm On Or Near Prohibited Premises**

He was sentenced today to life in prison, with first eligibility of parole after serving 27 to 28 ½ years.