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## Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Murder of East Cleveland Woman in Euclid; Trial of Co-Defendant Set to Begin on Monday

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Curtis Gatherright, 22, pleaded guilty to shooting and killing a woman, 34, in October 2020.

"This senseless homicide is just another example of the wave of gun violence that is surging in our county," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "This victim was a wonderful mom, daughter, and friend to many in our community."

On October 2, 2020, Gatherright and co-defendant Daylonta Jones, 21, spotted the victim sitting in her vehicle with a male friend near East 204th Street and Lake Shore Boulevard in Euclid. Gatherright and Jones exited their vehicle and approached the victim's car in an attempt to rob her and her friend. When the victim tried to drive away, shots were fired, and the victim was struck once in the back as she crashed into a parked truck nearby. Gatherright and Jones returned to their vehicle and drove off. The victim's friend called 911 and Euclid Police and Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene shortly after. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Euclid Police conducted an investigation that linked Gatherright and Jones to the crime. Gatherright was arrested on October 5 and Jones was arrested the day after.

Gatherright pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **One count of Aggravated Murder**
- **One count of Aggravated Robbery**
- **One count of Felonious Assault**

Gatherright will be sentenced at a later date.

Jones faces multiple charges that include Aggravated Murder, Murder, Aggravated Robbery, and Felonious Assault. His trial is set to begin on Monday, August 23 at 9 a.m. at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.