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Guilty Verdict for the Murder of 3-year-old Major Howard

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Donnell Lindsey was found guilty for the drive-by-shooting that killed three-year-old Major Howard.

A jury heard eight days of testimony about the night of September 15, 2015, when Major was sitting in a car parked on E. 113st Street. His mother, Brittany Anderson, a key eyewitness, was outside of the car just feet away when a white vehicle drove by and opened fire. Major was struck once in the chest, another person was shot in the thigh, and three homes were also struck with bullets.

The white Toyota, later identified as the vehicle involved, was found burned in an abandoned garage the next day

Lindsey, 24, was found guilty of 22 of the 24 counts in the indictment including Murder, Attempted Murder, Felonious Assault, Improperly Discharging a Firearm, Tampering with Evidence, and Arson. Gun and drive-by shooting specifications are added to 14 of those charges.

“While we are satisfied with the verdict, as a community we need to put an end to this gunfire on our streets,” said O'Malley. “Too many innocent bystanders are getting killed and too many of them are children.”

Sentencing is scheduled for July 12. Lindsey faces over 100 years in prison.

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