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## **Vicario Sentenced to 31-to-Life in Prison for Mass Shooting Resulting in One Dead and Four Injured**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Erik J. Vicario was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for 31 years for the shooting death of Michael Matthews and the shooting of four others.

On Mother's Day, May 10, 2015, Vicario's girlfriend and her sister got into a physical altercation with several people who lived in an apartment building on Bosworth Avenue near Thrush Avenue in Cleveland.

In retaliation, Vicario, then 25, went to the building with a 9mm handgun with the intention of shooting the people who fought with his girlfriend.

He approached a crowd of people who were gathered in front of the apartment building and opened fire. Michael Matthews, 47, was struck twice in the back and died, and four others were shot and seriously wounded. Matthews and three of the victims were not involved in the altercation.

A female victim was shot in the arm and suffers from limited mobility; another female victim still has a bullet lodged in her elbow. A male victim was shot in the neck and suffers from permanent damage due to his injury, and another male victim was shot in the head and suffers memory loss.

Six children, ages 6 months to 13 years, were in the apartment building at the time of the shooting. They were not injured.

“This man has no conscious. His ability to brazenly walk up to a crowd of people and spray them with bullets shows he is a coward and cannot be permitted to be free,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “He will have plenty of time in prison to think about the consequences of his actions”