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Aaron Parsons Pleaded Guilty and Sentenced to 28 to 33 ½ Years for Kidnapping a Double Amputee Male and the Murder of a 23-Year-Old in Cleveland

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced Aaron Parsons, 37, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 28 to 33 ½ years for kidnapping a double amputee male and the murder of a 23-year-old male in Cleveland.

"Aaron Parsons is a monster. Few criminals rise to his level of depravity," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "We are better off as a community with him incarcerated for the next 33 years."

On February 21, 2023, Aaron Parsons, Eric DeJesus, 25, and Nathan Cochran, 24, approached the victim, 59 and a double amputee, who was sitting inside his vehicle, near East 71st Street and Hosmer Avenue in Cleveland. They entered his vehicle, put a gun to his head, and instructed him to drive his vehicle. While the victim drove, Parsons, DeJesus, and Cochran struck him in the head with their gun. The victim drove to the railroad tracks near Pearl Road and West 25th Street in Cleveland.

Parsons, DeJesus, and Cochran continued to hit the victim with their gun. They then forcefully removed him from his vehicle and onto the railroad tracks and stated, "If the cold weather doesn't kill you, a train will." They removed the victim's wheelchair from his vehicle, threw it into the ravine, and then fled the scene in the victim's vehicle, which also contained his two prosthetic legs. The victim called the police and the Cleveland Division of Police responded to the scene. The vehicle was located burned near East 59th Street and Park Avenue in Cleveland.

On March 24, Danielle Mayne-Hicks, 28, lured the victim, 23, inside her vehicle near Fidelity Avenue in Cleveland. When the victim entered her vehicle, Aaron Parsons pointed a firearm to the victim's head and held him at gunpoint. Mayne-Hicks then drove Parsons and the victim under a bridge by railroad tracks near Pearl Road and West 25th Street in Cleveland. Parsons shot him in the head multiple times. They then fled the scene. The Cleveland Metroparks Police Department and Cleveland EMS responded to the scene. The victim was pronounced deceased on the scene. Parsons was arrested on April 5, 2023.

Aaron Parsons pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **One count of Involuntary Manslaughter**
- **One count of Felonious Assault**
- **One count of Aggravated Robbery**
- **One count of Arson**
- **One count of Having Weapons Under Disability**

He was sentenced to 28 to 33 ½ years in prison.



Danielle Mayne-Hicks pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **One count of Involuntary Manslaughter**
- **One count of Robbery**

Eric DeJesus and Nathan Cochran pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **One count of Felonious Assault**
- **One count of Robbery**
- **One count of Abduction**
- **One count of Arson**

Mayne-Hicks, DeJesus, and Cochran will be sentenced at a later date.