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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murder of Germantown Man

State v. Christopher Debord, 2022-CR-0888

DAYTON, OH (01/11/2023) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **CHRISTOPHER EDWARD DEBORD**, 27, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole plus an additional 41 ½ to 47 years prison after being convicted on counts related to the robbery and fatal shooting of 29-year-old Joshua Shortt inside his Germantown residence.

On the morning of Tuesday, February 15, 2020, Germantown police officers were dispatched on a report of a deceased man in his home at 320 N. Main Street, Germantown. The victim's mother had discovered the victim in the basement of the home. Upon arrival, the officers located the body of the victim, identified as Joshua Shortt. An autopsy revealed the victim died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. The victim's vehicle and other items were missing.

Dayton Police Officers located the victim's vehicle at the Clark Gas station in the 3400 block of E. Third Street. Video surveillance and other evidence identified the defendant as the person who robbed and fatally shot the victim.

On May 2, 2022, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for 17 felony counts, including Aggravated Murder, Murder, Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Felonious Assault, Tampering with Evidence, and Grand Theft of a motor vehicle.

On December 1, 2022, after a trial, the jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged on all counts and specifications. A separate bench trial was held on a count of Having Weapons Under Disability, for which the defendant was also found guilty as charged.

Today the defendant was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, consecutive to 41 ½ to 47 years in prison.

Prosecutor Heck added, "This defendant executed the victim inside the victim's Germantown home. Thanks to the extraordinary work and cooperation by multiple agencies, including the Germantown Police, Miamisburg Police, Dayton Police, the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit, and other agencies, the defendant was able to be identified, charged, and is now convicted for his actions."

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