

abdomen and then entered the older child's shoulder and finally came to rest after penetrating her spinal cord. The shooting left Curry's niece paralyzed from the waist down. The bullet remains lodged in her spinal cavity.

On September 14, following a six-day bench trial, defendant was found guilty on two counts of Endangering Children, each a felony of the third degree; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; and Having a Weapon While Under Disability, a felony of the third degree.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

Future Court Action: Sentencing 11/3/2016

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McDonnell, Nancy R.17-B
Vernon, Howard T.

Major Trial

Cleveland Division of Police

Media Synopsis:

On August 4, 2016 at 12:44 a.m., defendant Vernon was driving a 2001 Chevrolet Malibu on East 55th Street. Cortez R. Prince was riding a 2016 Harley Davidson motorcycle on East 55th Street.

At the intersection of Scovill Avenue, defendant failed to yield to oncoming traffic causing the motorcyclist to collide with the 2001 Chevrolet. Mr. Prince was thrown from the motorcycle and came to rest off the east curb of East 55th Street. He died approximately nine hours later.

Mr. Vernon and his passengers in the 2001 Chevrolet walked away from the crash scene without calling 911 or rendering aid to the seriously injured motorcyclist. Mr. Vernon and his passengers were stopped by police units patrolling in the area.

On October 6, defendant entered a plea of guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Failure to Stop after an Accident, both third-degree felonies.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

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