



Media Release Cases

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
600352-15-CR	Corrigan, Brian J.22-A	General Felony	Cleveland Division of Police
Defendants			
Camacho, Ismael Galarza, Irving Cruz-Figueroa, Luis			
Media Synopsis:			
<p>Galarza, now 45, of Cleveland, hired Camacho, now 55, of Cleveland to enter and set fire to an occupied two-family structure at 3857 West 33rd Street in Cleveland on February 10, 2015. Camacho in turn hired Cruz-Figueroa, now 45, of Cleveland to assist him in setting the fire. The fire spread to two occupied structures on West 33rd Street resulting in severe damage to all three and necessitating the demolition of two of the three affected homes.</p> <p>One of the occupants barely escaped; she subsequently spent nearly a year recovering from the injuries resulting from smoke inhalation and has permanent injuries.</p> <p>On November 30, 2015, Camacho entered a plea of guilty to three counts of Aggravated Arson, and one count each of Felonious Assault and Tampering With Evidence. He will be sentenced at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Both Galarza and Cruz-Figueroa are awaiting trial.</p>			
Future Court Action:			
Sentencing 12/21/2015			
593498-15-CR	Gall, Steven 23-A	CODIS	Cleveland Division of Police
Defendants			
Bennett, Christopher R.			
Media Synopsis:			
<p>Bennett, now 46, of Cleveland, was linked by DNA evidence to three home invasions and sexual assaults, two of which occurred in 1999 and one of which occurred in 2000. The victims in the three cases were 15, 16 and 18 years old at the time of the attacks. Bennett wore a mask, used a weapon and attempted to tie up the victims in each of these cases.</p> <p>On November 16, 2015, Bennett entered a plea of guilty to three counts of Rape and four counts of Aggravated Burglary.</p> <p>Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.</p>			
Future Court Action:			
Sentencing 12/21/2015			

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598516-15-CR O'Donnell, John P. 18-D Vertical Prosecution Cleveland Division of Police

Keith, Demetrius R.

Media Synopsis:

On February 12, 2014, Keith, then 17, of Cleveland, and three other co-defendants saw the victim at a gas station on the east side of Cleveland. Keith and his co-defendants followed the victim and two other people as they were driving on Interstate 480. The group pulled alongside of the car and began firing into the victim's car. No one was hurt during the shooting.

Six months later, on August 7, 2014, Keith and two other males were riding their bikes when they saw the victim, Arturio Young, and his friends walking down the street. Keith shot and killed the victim.

On November 19, a jury convicted Keith of one count each of Murder and Aggravated Murder, six counts of Felonious Assault, and two counts each of Attempted Murder and Discharge of a Firearm on or Near Prohibited Premises.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 12/21/2015

593522-15-CR Russo, Joseph D. 22-D Major Trial East Cleveland Police Department

Blue, John

Media Synopsis:

On February 14, 2015, Blue, then 48, of East Cleveland, fatally shot the 58-year-old victim.

Trial is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Charges:

2903.03(A): Voluntary Manslaughter	(x1)	F1
2903.11(A)(2): Felonious Assault	(x1)	F2
2923.13(A)(3): Having Weapons Under Disability	(x1)	F3

Future Court Action:

Trial 1/4/2016

598823-15-CR

Fuerst, Nancy A. 15-B

General Felony

FBI Cleveland

Ayad, Esmail | Ayad, Mustafa | Baisden, Turan |
Abeco Ayad Inc.

Media Synopsis:

Esmail Ayad, 31, Mustafa Ayad, 28, and Baisden, 48, all participated in fraudulent food stamp activity at a convenience store on East 55th Street in Cleveland.

On November 9, 2015, Mustafa Ayad and Baisden each entered a plea of guilty to one count of Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps.

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

Charges:

2913.46(B): Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps	(x2)	F4
2913.46(C)(1): Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps	(x1)	F4
2913.02(A)(3): Theft	(x3)	F5
2913.05(A): Telecommunications Fraud	(x5)	F5
2913.46(B): Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps	(x2)	F5
2913.46(B): Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps	(x2)	F5
2913.46(B): Trafficking in or Illegal Use of Food Stamps	(x1)	F5
2913.02(A)(3): Petty Theft	(x1)	M1
2913.02(A)(3): Petty Theft	(x1)	M1

Future Court Action:

Trial 1/6/2016

600937-15-CR

McClelland, Robert C.21-A

General Felony

Cleveland Division of Police

Bethea, Gary C.

Media Synopsis:

Bethea, then 31, of Cleveland, broke windows at five downtown Cleveland buildings – including the new Cuyahoga County headquarters – on November 2, 2015.

On December 7, 2015, Bethea entered a plea of guilty to three counts of Vandalism and one count of Criminal Damaging or Endangering.

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

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 1/7/2016