



Media Release Cases

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
588716-14-CR	Sutula, John D. 23-B	Economic Crime	Cleveland Division of Police

Defendants

Primary Charges

Mitchell, Heather R. | Mitchell, Novella | Dickens, Bobby | Joachim, Scotty | New, Danielle | Boiani, Angela | Watt, Nichole | Kaput, Heather | Mihalek, Christopher | Moore, William | Hernandez, Luis | Hill, Jonathan | Ratliff, Alvin | Decore, James | Nolin, Crystal M.

Media Synopsis:

Heather Mitchell led an organized fraudulent prescription ring that spanned six counties in Northeast Ohio. Mitchell used stolen prescription pads from doctor's offices, as well as created false prescriptions herself. She filled out the prescriptions for narcotics and then sent "mules" to fill the prescriptions at various pharmacies. Mitchell posed as law enforcement officers and doctors, via telephone, in attempts to further her illegal conduct. The criminal activity took place from December 2012 through October 2014 during which time at least 5,000 narcotic pills were illegally distributed in Cuyahoga County.

Mitchell was charged in the 206-count indictment with Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, Conspiracy, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, Drug Trafficking, and Drug Possession. Additionally, she has 7 other pending cases in Cuyahoga County for Theft, Passing Bad Checks, and Identity Fraud.

On February 19, 2016, Mitchell entered a plea of guilty to 25 counts including Engaging In a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, Corrupting Others With Drugs, Theft, Trafficking and Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug.

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

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 3/21/2016

600096-15-CR Gall, Steven 23-A General Felony Cleveland Division of Police
Lennon, Dominique

Media Synopsis:

On August 21, 2015, Lennon, aka "Boone," then 19 and a disgruntled former member of the Buckeye Boys street gang, sought retribution for two beatings the Buckeye Boys had recently administered to him. At roughly 8 p.m., he exited an automobile on E. 117th St near the corner of Buckeye Road and fired nine rounds at members of the Buckeye Boys street gang, who had gathered that evening at their usual spot on E. 117th. The Buckeye Boys returned fire, shooting five rounds. One of the Buckeye Boys and a 13-year-old passerby were wounded. Three of the shots that Lennon fired went through the window and walls of a bank building where three employees were working at the time. The incident occurred on a night that the neighborhood was hosting a jazz festival one block away, and a number visitors had parked on E.117th. One concert goer's car was struck by two bullets.

On March 15, 2015, a Cuyahoga County jury found Lennon guilty on all 10 counts including Attempted Murder, Felonious Assault, Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises, Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Vandalism.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 3/22/2016

599418-15-CR Collier-Williams, Cassandra 23-A Major Trial Cleveland Division of Police
Ashley, Henry C., Jr.

Media Synopsis:

On September 17, 2015, at 2877 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Ashley, 50, of Cleveland, was involved in a verbal confrontation with his wife. This confrontation became physical and when his wife attempted to flee the home, Ashley tackled her, picked up a pair of scissors and stabbed her multiple times. The victim was pronounced dead by EMS on scene.

On March 10, 2016, a Cuyahoga County jury found Ashley guilty of one count each of Murder and Domestic Violence and two counts of Felonious Assault.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 3/22/2016

59834-15-CR Gaul, Daniel 19-D Major Trial

Cleveland Division of Police

Cantie, Nicholas E.

Media Synopsis:

On Saturday, August 8, 2015 at about 2:45 p.m., defendant Nicholas Cantie, 26, was driving a 1997 Infinity on Wade Park Avenue in excess of the posted speed limit when he struck 47-year-old pedestrian who was crossing with the signal in a marked crosswalk at East 105th Street. Defendant continued through the red light, colliding with a 2004 Chevrolet that was traveling north of East 105. The driver of that car, 41-year-old Keyva Jones, was killed. The pedestrian was seriously injured, as was the defendant's 25-year-old passenger. Defendant was intoxicated at the time.

On March 8, 2016, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Aggravated Vehicular Assault (F2), Aggravated Vehicular Assault (F3), Failure to Stop and Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 3/22/2016