



Media Release Cases

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
602312-15-CR	Friedman, Stuart A. 19-B Green, Bobbie J. Morton, Leon	Major Trial	Shaker Heights Police Department

Media Synopsis:

On July 12, 2015, the 71-year-old female victim arrived at a home on Pennington Road at about 2:00 p.m. to visit family. Upon exiting her vehicle, which she parked in the driveway at the front of the home, a pit bull that belonged to Green, then 70, and Morton, 49, both of Shaker Heights ran from the front porch and began biting her. The victim attempted to flee, but fell to the ground. The dog then began biting her on the head and neck, mortally wounding her. She was transported to Ahuja Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office ruled her death to be caused by the bite wounds from the dog attack.

On April 12, 2016, Morton entered a plea of guilty to one count of Involuntary Manslaughter. On that same day, Green entered a plea of guilty to one misdemeanor count of Negligent Homicide.

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

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 4/20/2016

601384-15-CR Sutula, Kathleen Ann 23-D General Felony Cleveland Division of Police

Potts, Christian A. | Elder, Quentin T.

Media Synopsis:

On November 20, 2015, half-brothers, Christian Potts, then 24, and Quentin Elder, then 21, of Cleveland stalked the 14 year old shooting victim. Potts ambushed the victim shooting him twice. The first bullet pierced the child's eye and the second struck the victim in the neck and became permanently lodged near his spinal cord. Police searched the area and located Potts and Elder at their home a few blocks from the shooting. Potts and Elder intended to murder the victim in revenge for their mistaken belief that the innocent 14 year old was involved in the death of their friend – a belief police completely refuted. A Cleveland Police ballistic expert was able to match the firearm located on Potts person at the time of his arrest to shell casings from the shooting. Elder drove Potts to the shooting and discharged a firearm into the air in an attempt to scare away a bystander who attempted to render aid to the victim on scene.

On March 25, 2016, a Cuyahoga County jury found Potts guilty of Attempted Murder, two counts of Felonious Assault, Discharge of a Firearm On or Near Prohibited Premises and Illegal Conveyance Into Detention Facility. Elder was found guilty of Discharging a Firearm On Or Near Prohibited Premises. Sentencing is scheduled for April 21st at 8:30 a.m.

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 4/21/2016

585428-14-CR Burnside, Janet R.16-B Economic Crime CCPO - Economic Crime Investigation

McNally, John | Sciortino, Michael | Yavorcik, Martin

Media Synopsis:

On May 14, 2014, a Cuyahoga County grand jury indicted Youngstown Mayor John McNally, Mahoning County Auditor Michael Sciortino and local attorney Martin Yavorcik, on multiple charges including Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity, Conspiracy and Money Laundering for acts committed between 2005 and 2014.

On February 26, 2016, Sciortino entered a plea of guilty to one count each of Having an Unlawful Interest in Public Contract, Falsification and Soliciting or Receiving Improper Compensation.

On February 29, 2016, McNally entered a plea of guilty to two counts of Falsification, and one count each of Attempted Unlawful Use of Telecommunications and Attempted Restrictions on Present or Former Public Officials or Employees.

Sciortino and McNally each were sentenced to one year of community control on March 28, 2016.

On March 18, 2016, a Cuyahoga County jury found Yavorcik guilty of three counts of Bribery, two counts of Money Laundering, and one count each of Tampering with Records, Conspiracy and Engaging In a Pattern of Corrupt Activity.

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

Future Court Action:

Sentencing 4/22/2016

