



Media Release Cases

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Judge - Court Room</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Agency</u>
	<u>Defendants</u>		<u>Primary Charges</u>

610352-16-CR	Russo, Joseph D. 22-D Caraballo, Deanna	General Felony	Cleveland Division of Police
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Media Synopsis:

On September 16, 2016, the 19-year-old defendant slammed an 8-week-old puppy to the ground, killing it.

On January 11, defendant pled guilty to Cruelty to Animals, now a felony based upon the recently enacted "Goddard's Law"

Sentencing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Future Court Action: Sentencing 3/6/2017

607318-16-CR	Miday, Sherrie 20-A McCall, Kaitlin Taylor, Joshua Theodorou, Apostolos N	Major Trial	Cleveland Division of Police
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Media Synopsis:

On August 5, 2015, victim Travis Wilson died from a combination of heroin and fentanyl.

The 29-year-old victim was a passenger in a car with the defendants Taylor and McCall when he overdosed in the backseat after purchasing the heroin/fentanyl from defendant Theodorou.

In November 2016, 26-year old defendant Taylor pled guilty to Permitting Drug Abuse and Corrupting Another with Drugs and sentenced to Community Control.

McCall, 21, pled guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter and Tampering with Evidence.

Theodorou pled guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter, Corrupting Another with Drugs, Trafficking, Drug Possession, and Possessing Criminal Tools.

Charges:

2903.01(A): Aggravated Murder	(x1)	UF
2903.01(B): Aggravated Murder	(x1)	UF
2903.02(B): Murder	(x1)	UF
2905.01(A)(3): Kidnapping	(x5)	F1
2911.01(A)(1): Aggravated Robbery	(x2)	F1
2911.01(A)(3): Aggravated Robbery	(x1)	F1
2911.11(A)(1): Aggravated Burglary	(x1)	F1
2911.11(A)(2): Aggravated Burglary	(x1)	F1
2903.11(A)(1): Felonious Assault	(x1)	F2
2903.11(A)(2): Felonious Assault	(x3)	F2

Sentencing for McCall and Theodorou is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 6.

2921.12(A)(1): Tampering With Evidence (x1) F3
2923.13(A)(3): Having Weapons Under Disability (x2) F3

Future Court Action: Sentencing 3/6/2017

602705-16-CR Gaul, Daniel 19-D

General Felony

Cleveland Division of Police

Kraft, Nicholas | Rucker, Greg

Media Synopsis:

During the early morning hours of July 19, 2015, the defendants approached two Plain Dealer carriers, brandished a weapon and stole their car. They proceeded to rob a pedestrian on Denison Avenue and a cyclist in Tremont, both at gunpoint.

Defendant Kraft pled to Aggravated Robbery and is serving a four-year sentence.

On January 31, a jury found Rucker guilty of Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, and Having Weapons Under Disability.

Sentencing is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Future Court Action: Sentencing 3/7/2017

610545-16-CR Russo, Nancy Margaret 18-C

Cold Case

Cleveland Division of Police

Colon, Javier

Media Synopsis:

On October 1, 2006, the defendant carjacked a woman and her adult son at gunpoint from a parking lot in the Warehouse District. He forced them to drive to an isolated spot on Train Avenue where he forced the male victim into the trunk and sexually assaulted the female.

During the attack on the female victim, her son managed to escape the trunk and engaged in a physical altercation with the defendant. The defendant shot him in the chest and fled.

In 2016, a palm print taken at the crime scene was matched to the defendant through a national database. Touch DNA from the female victim's clothing was collected and also matched to the defendant.

On January 25, defendant pled guilty to Rape, Kidnapping, and Attempted Murder.

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