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**Armond Johnson Indicted with Capital Specifications
for Slavic Village Quadruple Murder**

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CLEVELAND –Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Armond Johnson, 26, for the July 8th murders of David Cousin, 35, Takeyra Collins, 25, Armond Johnson Jr., 6, and Aubree Stone, 2, on E. 63 St. in Cleveland's Slavic Village neighborhood. The indictment contains a number of aggravating specifications, any one of which make the case capital eligible.

“Armond Johnson brutally murdered four people including his own son,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “His callous actions demand that he face the ultimate punishment.”

On July 8, 2019, Johnson shot and killed Collins inside her residence before setting the house on fire and fleeing the scene. Johnson returned to the crime scene early the following morning and shot and killed Cousin, Collins' neighbor, in a vacant field adjacent to his residence. The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office determined that Collins' two children died as a direct result of the fire Johnson set.

Johnson has been indicted on the following charges:

- 14 counts of Aggravated Murder
- 4 counts of Aggravated Arson
- 2 counts of Aggravated Burglary
- 2 counts of Endangering Children
- 2 counts of Having Weapons Under Disability
- 1 count of Kidnapping
- 1 count of Tampering With Evidence

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office's Capital Review Committee (CRC) evaluates each capital-eligible case to determine whether to include death penalty specifications. CRC members conducted an initial review of the facts and circumstances of Johnson's case and decided to include death penalty specifications in the presentment to a Grand Jury. There will be an opportunity to conduct an additional review as the case progresses.

Arraignment is scheduled for Thursday, July 25th at 8:30am at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center.

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