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Lance Mason Pleads Guilty to November 2018
Murder of Ex-Wife in Shaker Heights

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Lance Mason, 51, pled guilty to murdering his ex-wife Aisha Fraser, 45, in Shaker Heights on November 17, 2018.

“Lance Mason was on a mission the morning of November 17, 2018. He was of the singular thought to end the victim’s life. Not even the presence of his children would deter him from this barbaric and gruesome attack,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “This case illustrates that domestic violence cuts across all socioeconomic lines.”

On November 17, 2018, the victim took their 8-year-old daughter to a Shaker Heights residence that Mason was staying at on Chagrin Blvd near Normandy Road. The defendant had moved into the residence earlier that summer with his sister who was renting it from the victim. The victim planned to drop off their daughter for a martial arts class that Mason had agreed to take her to that morning. When they arrived, the victim and their daughter met Mason at the side door and he immediately attacked her in the driveway, stabbing her multiple times. Their daughter ran inside to notify Mason’s sister who called the police.

Shaker Heights Police arrived on scene immediately. As officers were setting up a perimeter to secure the scene, Mason got in the victim’s vehicle and attempted to drive away. He drove directly at a police cruiser and crashed into the driver’s side door pinning Officer Adam Flynt, 42, between both vehicles. Mason then exited the vehicle and attempted to run away ignoring officers’ commands. He ran back into his residence where officers arrested him shortly thereafter. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. The police officer was transported to a hospital and treated for severe injuries.

Mason pled guilty to the charges he was originally indicted on. Those include:

- 1 count of Aggravated Murder
- 1 count of Murder
- 2 counts of Felonious Assault (1 on a Peace Officer)
- 1 count of Grand Theft
- 1 count of Violating a protection order

The investigation was conducted by the Shaker Heights Police Department, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Mason will be sentenced on September 12, 2019 at 1:00pm.

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