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**Trio Pleads Guilty for Murder of Cleveland Beverage Store Owner  
and Numerous Other Armed Robberies Throughout County**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Keyshawn Smith, 19, Andre McKelvey, 19, and Robert McKelvey Jr., 22, all pled guilty for the murder of a 33-year-old beverage store owner and multiple armed robberies. The group targeted a retail business, gas stations, and convenience stores located in Cleveland, University Heights, and Maple Heights.

“This violent crime crew senselessly murdered Mr. Shahin and committed eight other armed robberies in a month,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “Their widespread reign of terror was quickly brought to an end thanks to the swift and diligent work of Cleveland Police’s Homicide Unit.”

On February 5th, 2019, Cleveland Police (CPD) responded to a report of an armed robbery and shooting at a beverage store located in Cleveland near Lakeview Rd. and Durant Avenue. The victim suffered a gunshot wound to the head and was transported to the hospital where he later died. CPD’s Homicide Unit identified Smith, McKelvey, and McKelvey Jr. as responsible for the murder.

Further investigation by CPD linked the trio to seven other armed robberies around Cuyahoga County:

- January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Maple Heights dollar store (near Dunham Rd./Wheeler Rd.)
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Cleveland dollar store (near E. 103<sup>rd</sup> St./St. Clair Ave.)
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Cleveland dollar store (near W. 130<sup>th</sup> St./Wilton Ave.)
- January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – University Heights cellphone store (near Warrensville Center Rd./Lansdale Rd.)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – University Heights gas station (near S. Green Rd./Cedar Rd.)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – Cleveland gas station (near W. 117<sup>th</sup> St./Bellaire Rd.)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – Cleveland gas station (near E. 185<sup>th</sup> St./Shawnee Ave.)

Smith was also identified and charged for a February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, armed robbery of another Cleveland dollar store near E. 73<sup>rd</sup> St. and St. Clair Avenue.

Smith pled guilty to Aggravated Murder (with 1-year and 3-year Firearm Specifications) and Aggravated Robbery (with 1-year and 3-year Firearm Specifications).

McKelvey and McKelvey Jr. both pled guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter (with 1-year and 3-year Firearm Specifications) and Aggravated Robbery.

Smith and McKelvey will be sentenced on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00am. McKelvey Jr. will be sentenced on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.