

Franklin Man Sentenced for Murder

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Jay Clark, a 21-year-old Franklin man, today received a sentence of 25 years to life in prison for shooting a man to death last fall.

Clark pled guilty last month to Aggravated Murder, a gun specification to Aggravated Murder, and Tampering with Evidence in the Warren County Court of Common Pleas. At the sentencing hearing held this morning, Judge Neal Bronson sentenced Clark to serve 20 years to life on the Aggravated Murder, three years on the gun specification, and two years on the Tampering with Evidence charge.

The charges stem from a September 25, 2011, shooting death of the victim in the vicinity of 418 Deerfield Road in Lebanon. Clark entered the victim's residence, stole several cell phones, went into the garage, and used a revolver to fire two shots at the victim, striking the victim once. When the victim went outside, Clark fired another shot which struck the victim at close range. Clark fled the scene and discarded the revolver and stolen cell phones. He was stopped by officers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Warren County Sheriff's Office a short time later.

The case was investigated by the Lebanon Police Department. In particular, Sgt. Mark Allen and Det. Josh Holbrook should be commended for their outstanding efforts, which led to Clark's confession and subsequent conviction, according to Prosecutor Fornshell.



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