



Deerfield Township Man Sentenced to 36 Years for Shooting Warren County Deputy

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Mohammed Abdou Laghaoui, 20, of Deerfield Township, Ohio, was sentenced today to 36 years in prison by Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy Tepe. In April of this year, a Warren County jury found Laghaoui guilty of one count of attempted aggravated murder, a 1st degree felony, and a specification for discharging a firearm at a peace officer; two counts of attempted murder, 1st degree felonies, with firearm specifications; three counts of felonious assault, 2nd degree felonies, with firearm specifications; one count of tampering with evidence, a 3rd degree felony; and one count of domestic violence, a 1st degree misdemeanor.

On June 9, 2016, Deputy Katie Barnes and Sergeant William Langdon of the Warren County Sheriff's Office were dispatched, for the second time that evening on a domestic complaint, to 8525 Jonathan Lane, Deerfield Township. Upon arrival, Deputy Barnes approached the residence and was immediately confronted by Laghaoui. Laghaoui fired at least seven shots from an AK-47 style assault rifle at Deputy Barnes, striking her in the abdominal region, and fled from the area.

Laghaoui also fired two shots at a neighbor who attempted to follow him from the scene. The neighbor was not struck and received no injuries from the attempt on his life.

Sergeant Langdon responded to the entrance of The Orchards of Landen Apartments and met Deputy Barnes. She was relocated to Kroger on US Route 22 where she was transported by Medic 57 to The University of Cincinnati Hospital.

Warren County Sheriff Deputy Edward Pangallo, who responded to the scene, found Laghaoui's father, Abdessadek Laghaoui, who sustained a major gunshot wound to his hand when Laghaoui shot through the door of his father's apartment when he could not gain entry.

Numerous police agencies responded to the area to assist with the search for Laghaoui. All area businesses and locations were placed on lock down due to the active shooter situation.

"On the night of June 9, 2016, Mr. Laghaoui terrorized Deputy Barnes, responding law enforcement officers, his own family members, and a significant portion of the southern part of our county," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

"As Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold stated in his sentencing comments, 'We owe a duty of protection to those who protect us.' Today's stiff sentence serves notice to those who might ambush a police officer that we will seek the maximum charges and the maximum sentence in an effort to protect those men and women who dedicate their lives to making Warren County safe," Fornshell said.

Fornshell commended the efforts of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Assistant Prosecutor John Arnold, Assistant Prosecutor Travis Vieux, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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