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JUSTIN EASTMAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE
FOR THE AGGRAVATED MURDER OF DONNA HARRIS



J. Eastman

Justin Eastman will spend the rest of his life behind bars for taking the life of 53-year-old Donna Harris.

In court today, Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel asked for a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

“Justin Eastman took the life of a beautiful soul the day he lured Donna Harris to a remote field so he could kill her and take her money,” Schiffel said. “Under the guise of a romantic evening under the stars, Donna followed Justin Eastman to her death. He victimized Donna and her family in the worst way. Justin Eastman is a dangerous and manipulative criminal who deserves nothing less than the maximum possible sentence for his crime, in this case, life in prison without the possibility of parole.”

Donna Harris was reported missing by her family when she could not be reached by phone and failed to arrive to accompany her granddaughter on a school field trip. Her body was found days later on November 24, 2019 in a rural area off Sherman Road. The official cause of death – blunt force trauma to the head.

Eastman, 36, of Columbus, was caught fleeing the state. He was picked up by law enforcement in Kansas on November 25, 2019. It took a jury less than an hour to find him guilty of aggravated murder on April 29, 2021.

Court Update, May 3-7, 2021

- Caleb Locklear was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 5 years community control sanctions for felonious assault.

-Nikolas Vitale pled guilty to aggravated assault and aggravated menacing. Sentencing is set for 6/17/21.

-Matthew Wolfe pled guilty to receiving stolen property. Sentencing is set for 6/18/21.

-Thomas Welch pled guilty to theft. Sentencing is set for 6/14/21.

-Gregory Filbrun pled guilty to theft. Sentencing is set for 6/4/21.

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Court Update: May 10-14, 2021

-A jury found Darnell Triplett guilty of trafficking in cocaine. He was sentenced to 11 to 16.5 years in prison.

-Earnest Meade was sentenced to 4-6 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter.

-A jury found Erik Rodenberg guilty of gross sexual imposition. He was sentenced to 5 years community control sanctions with 60 days in jail.

-Michael Vanhorn pled guilty to pandering obscenities involving a minor. Sentencing is set for 6/14/21.

-Kaimana Daugherty pled guilty to theft. Sentencing is set for 6/21/21.

-Lucas Nininger pled guilty to violating a protection order. Sentencing is set for 5/25/21.

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Court Update: May 17-28, 2021

-Micah Davenport was sentenced to 4-6 years in prison for aggravated burglary and felonious assault.

-Carolyn Workman was sentenced to 5 years community control sanctions for theft.

-Tracy Lyle was sentenced to 5 years community control sanctions for non-support and failure to appear.

-David Ewing was sentenced to 3 years community control sanctions for domestic violence.

-Willard Good was sentenced to 3 years community control sanctions for domestic violence.

-Ryann Acre pled guilty to identity fraud. Sentencing is set for 7/19/21.

-Bradley Biegler pled guilty to robbery and failure to comply with order or signal of police officer. Sentencing is set for 6/28/21.

-Alec Helser pled guilty to failure to comply and receiving stolen property. Sentencing is set for 7/16/21.

-Chremeh Freeman pled guilty to aggravated robbery with a gun specification. Sentencing is set for 6/21/21.

-Aquan Freeman pled guilty to aggravated robbery with a gun specification. Sentencing is set for 6/21/21.

-Jacob Sisson pled guilty to assault and criminal damaging. Sentencing is set for 6/30/21.

Our Victim Services Unit handled 139 phone calls and/or emails referring to civil protection orders, violations, referrals, or safety planning.

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