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BRANDON IVY SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE



B. Ivy

Brandon Ivy will spend rest of his life in prison for brutally strangling 53-year-old Stephanie Hunter at her home on November 22, 2019.

At sentencing today prosecutors asked the Court to impose the maximum sentence for life without the possibility of parole. "The manner in which the Defendant chose to kill Stephanie was personal. It was heinous and it was vengeful." Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Schiffel said to the court.

"Nothing we could ever do will bring Stephanie back. But this is a just outcome for the murderous actions of the defendant." said Prosecutor Schiffel. "Today we remembered Stephanie and told the Court about the bright light that she was in the world. First and foremost she was a daughter and a mother who had no enemy. She cared about helping everyone, even the defendant. But the defendant chose to kill Stephanie instead."

A jury found 28-year-old Ivy guilty of aggravated murder, murder, felonious assault, and menacing by stalking. For the charge of Aggravated Murder, the defendant was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He also received an additional sentence of 18 months in prison for Menacing by Stalking to be served consecutive to any other sentence, and he was found to be a repeat violent offender. The Court also found that the defendant violated his community control on two separate burglary cases.

"If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, there is help, and you are not alone," said Prosecutor Schiffel. "Domestic violence is blind to gender, race, and socioeconomic status. No matter who you are, if you are experiencing abuse, you have nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about. There are so many resources and people in Delaware County who want to help. Please reach out."

*Law enforcement is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Turning Point is Delaware County's Domestic Violence Shelter. You do not have to live at the shelter in order to receive help. Their 24-hour hotline is: 1-800-232-6505. (Web: turningpoint6.org)

*HelpLine serves those in Delaware, Morrow, Crawford, Wyandot, Union, Logan, and Shelby Counties. For resource inquiries or a live support chat, call 1-800-684-2324 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (Web: helplinedelmor.org)

*Our own Victim Services Unit can assist with protection orders. The Delaware County Prosecutor's Office VSU direct line is (740) 833-2710.

There are many other partner agencies waiting and willing to help those experiencing domestic violence or abuse of any kind. If one does not offer the necessary resources, a referral will be made. As always, in case of emergency, call 9-1-1.