

Franklin Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Murder

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Jay Clark, a 21-year-old Franklin man, pled guilty this afternoon to Aggravated Murder, a gun specification to Aggravated Murder, and Tampering with Evidence in the Warren County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Neal Bronson scheduled sentencing for March 8, 2012.

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 and collapsed on the ground, Clark shot the victim one more time in the head, 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 Lebanon Police Department investigated the case. Clark admitted firing the fatal shots.

Prison sentences for Aggravated Murder range from life without the possibility of parole, to life with parole after 30, 25, or 20 years. The gun specification carries a three-year prison term, and prison terms for Tampering with Evidence range from 9 months to 36 months.



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