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Danny Isom gets 11 to 15 years in prison

The following case was handled Wednesday, May 8, 2024, before Judge Ronald J. Rice of the Trumbull County Common Pleas Court:



- A man with addresses in Niles and Youngstown was sentenced today to the maximum 11 to 15 years in prison after he was found guilty last week of one count of felonious assault with a three-year firearm specification.

A Trumbull County jury took about an hour on April 30 to find Danny Isom Jr., 41, guilty of shooting Eddie Pierce multiple times on Aug. 25, 2023, in the 1900 block of Hazelwood SE in Warren. Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Ronald J. Rice noted the defendant's violent criminal past in Florida beginning with a robbery conviction in his teens. Isom also faces a felonious assault charge in Cuyahoga County which was connected to this case, the judge stated.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett said he was pleased with the sentence. "There are entirely too many shootings here in Trumbull County," Burnett said. "I am glad there are judges like Judge Rice who are willing to hand out sentences like the one given out today."

Burnett over two days at trial called eight witnesses to the stand, including the victim who identified Isom as the shooter.

Also testifying was an acquaintance of both the victim and the defendant who testified to being in the defendant's car as the defendant got out of it to shoot Pierce.

Another witness was the victim's cousin who testified administering first aid to Pierce after he was shot. She also identified Isom as the shooter.

The jury in Judge Ronald J. Rice's courtroom also witnessed body cam footage from Warren police officer William Fowler who responded to the scene. Also, detective Sgt. Eric Laprocina testified to finding five shell casings and a trail of blood in the parking lot area near Hazelwood Avenue SE where the shooting took place.

Also testifying was Warren detective Frank Tempesta, an officer from Solon police who found the gun used in the shooting while searching Isom's car during a traffic stop and a forensic scientist from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation who tied the shell casings found at the scene to that gun.

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