

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: August 25, 2025

## **11<sup>th</sup> District court upholds murder conviction, sentence**



The 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals in Ohio on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, upheld the conviction and prison sentence for Zaa-Von T. Hameed, 43, who was sentenced to an aggregate 23 years to life prison sentence after a jury found him guilty in November 2024 of aggravated murder and an accompanying firearm specification connected to the shooting death of Nathaniel Bradley, 21, on May 13, 2024 at the Park Place 24 Tavern in Warren.

In his appeal Hameed claimed ineffective assistance of counsel in his jury trial and that the trial court erred in failing to instruct the jury on “sudden passion or sudden fit of rage and the consequent charge of voluntary manslaughter.

However, the appellate judges, led by Judge Matt Lynch and joined by Judges Scott Lynch and Robert J. Patton, ruled that the assignments of error were without merit and affirmed the conviction and prison sentence for Hameed.

The jury deliberated for about 10 hours over two days in a trial that ended Nov. 15, 2024, in former Judge Andrew D. Logan’s courtroom. During Hameed’s trial, evidence showed a physical altercation between victim and defendant occurred prior to the shooting. The night spot has been permanently closed because of violent incidents there.

Trumbull County Assistant Prosecutors Michael Burnett and Kevin Trapp called five state witnesses to the stand including two Warren police detectives, the bar owner and the deputy county coroner. Assistant Prosecutor Charles Morrow successfully defended the conviction and sentence before the 11<sup>th</sup> District court.

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