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11th District judges denies relief for convicted murderer

The Ohio 11th District Court of Appeals on Dec. 8, 2025, affirmed the conviction and prisons sentence for convicted murderer Dominic Michael Harvey.



A panel led by Judge Robert J. Patton and joined by 11th District colleagues Judges Matt Lynch and Scott Lynch, ruled that Harvey's sole assignment of error in the appeal is without merit. In his appeal, Harvey had claimed the trial court had erred in denying his petition for post-conviction relief without a hearing.

On Dec. 13, 2023, Harvey pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated murder with firearm specification, attempted aggravated murder with firearm specification, tampering with evidence and receiving stolen property. In exchange for his guilty pleas, the state dismissed the aggravating circumstances specification against Harvey. Judge Cynthia Westcott Rice imposed the jointly recommended sentence of 50 to 55 1/2 years to life for Harvey. Six days after his sentencing hearing, Harvey requested to withdraw his guilty plea, which was denied via court entry filed Jan. 4, 2024.

On Dec. 9, 2024, Harvey filed a pro se petition for postconviction relief which was denied by Judge Cynthia Rice on Feb. 13, 2024. In its judgement, Judge Rice noted "Harvey's "sole claim that he was denied effective assistance of counsel (was denied) because (Harvey) has not submitted any documentation with his petition to support his claim" that his attorney pressured him into pleading guilty. Harvey did not at any time file a direct appeal of his conviction.

According to state's evidence, Harvey used a stolen AR 15 at the corner of West Market Street and Tod Avenue near the Hot Dog Shoppe at the dinner hour on July 21, 2022, to fatally shoot 23-year-old Jauton Lee Jr. and wound 24-year-old Mitchell Powell, two Warren men who were riding in another vehicle.

Harvey, 24, remains incarcerated at London Correctional Institution.

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