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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	BE IT REMEMBERED, that at the JANUARY, A.D. 2007 Term of said Court, this cause came on to be heard before the Honorable John D. Sutula, in Courtroom No. 23-B, The Justice Center, Cleveland, Ohio, on Thursday, March 8, 2007, upon the indictment filed heretofore.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, MARCH 8th, 2007

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THE COURT: We are here in the case of the State of Ohio versus William Hudson. This is Case No. 478205. On a prior date in court the Defendant was found guilty in a jury trial on a several-count indictment. Some of the counts were tried to the Court along with several specifications. Attempted murder in Counts 1 and 2 were tried to the jury, those are both in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.02 and 2903.02 along with the 1 and 3-year firearm specifications. The jury found him guilty on each of those counts. Those are both felonies of the 1st degree.

He was also found guilty on Counts 3 and 4, felonious assault, each with a 1 and 3-year firearm specification by the jury. Those are in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2903.11. Those are both felonies of the 1st degree.

He was found guilty in a trial to the Court in Count 7, having weapon under disability. That is in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.13. That is a felony of the 3rd degree. And he was also tried to the Court on notice of prior conviction and repeat violent offender

specification to the Court in Counts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and found guilty by the Court on each of those specifications.

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So he has two attempted murder violations, two felonious assault violations, each with a 1 and 3-year firearm specification. All felonies of the 1st degree. Each of those felonies of the 1st degree, there are four of them, are punishable by time of incarceration in prison in annual increments between 3 and 10 years inclusive and/or fines up to \$20,000 for each offense. A felony of the 3rd degree is punishable by time of incarceration in prison -- I'm sorry -- attempted murder -- There is a correction here in that the felonious assault felonies are felonies of the 2nd So there are two felonies of the 1st degree. degree, two felonies of the 2nd degree, one of the 3rd degree. I already said the penalties for the felonies of the 1st degree. Two felonies of the 2nd degree are punishable by time of incarceration in prison in annual increments between 2 and 8 years inclusive and/or fines up to \$15,000.

Now, the 1 and 3-year firearm specifications for each of those four counts will be served prior to and consecutive with and will

be merged into one 3-year firearm specification.

So one 3-year enhancement specification.

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The felony of the 3rd degree is punishable by time of incarceration in prison in annual increments of between 1 and 5 years inclusive and/or fines up to \$10,000.

Now, the five felonies, if they are found to run consecutive, would result in the following. Maximum sentences of 11 years minimum up to 31 years in prison in annual increments plus the 3-year firearm specification, which would be served prior to and consecutive, for a total of a minimum 14 years up to 34 years in prison in annual increments and/or fines up to \$80,000.

Now, the Defendant was also found guilty of repeat violent offender specification and notice of prior conviction specification. Repeat violent offender specification would mean the Defendant can incur additional 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 years for each of these offenses which would be served prior to and in addition to the underlying sentences.

If the Court imposes a prison term, upon the completion of that term the State of Ohio Adult Parole Authority will supervise the

Defendant for 5 years under what is called post release control. If the Adult Parole Authority does supervise the Defendant, and if he were to fail to meet the terms and conditions of the post release control supervision, the Adult Parole Authority can modify and/or extend the supervision and make it more restrictive, incarcerate the Defendant for up to one half of the original sentence imposed by the Court, charge the Defendant with a new offense called escape, another felony where he would face additional prison time, and if he were to commit a new crime while under the post release control he could face the maximum penalty under the law for the new crime committed.

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Prior to coming out on the bench today I had the opportunity to review the entire case file, presentence investigation reports, Revised Code 2929.11 for the principles and purposes of sentencing, Revised Code 2929.12 for the seriousness and recidivism factors, and Revised Code 2929.13 and other Revised Code Sections for felony sentencings of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree.

Present today from the beginning of the hearing has been the Defendant, Mr. Hudson, along

with his counsel, Nicholas Sidoti. Representing
the interest of the State of Ohio is Assistant
County Prosecutor James May. Mr. May.

MR. MAY: Yes. Thank you, your Honor. Would the Court like to hear my remarks?

THE COURT: Wait a minute. I further note that the Defendant is here on a community control violation also, that being Case No. 469048, the violation being the pending counts for attempted murder and violating his electronic home detention. Mr. May.

MR. MAY: Yes, your Honor. I have here today in court, to remind the Court of what he has undergone, the victim in this case, Mr. Genaro Claudio. I ask that he have the opportunity to speak with you at this time. You may note, your Honor, Mr. Claudio is in a wheelchair today and was not at the trial but there is a very good explanation for that. It's not for sympathy but, rather, he has had yet additional surgery on his leg which he can explain to you what has happened. He has the bones in his leg fused together and he will tell you about it now. Please introduce yourself.

THE COURT: State your name, please.

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THE VICTIM: Genaro Claudio.

THE COURT: You may speak.

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It's been hard for me for the THE VICTIM: last year and a half since this happened. kind of a shame. All that I can say, no matter how long he gets -- I mean, he can get the max and I'm going to deal with this for the rest of my life. I just got surgery two weeks ago. future, probably a couple more years, the doctor told me that I am going to get knee replacement. The surgery was about bone grinding. They had to take the bone from the right side of the knee and grind it, because the bullet broke the whole knee, and put a new kneecap in and screws to straighten up the legs. Also, I got a bullet in my rib cavity that I will have for the rest of my life also.

I got a little -- I got a little girl, she's 4 years old. For the last two years I couldn't -- I feel bad and sad because she's 4 years old and sometimes she wants to go to the park or ride bikes. This situation changed my whole life with my family, my little girl, and affected me like psychologically. Most of the things will hurt if I play with her. The basic

thing here is it changed my whole life. I got to deal with this for the rest of my life. I will be out of work for a year and a half, and I just got surgery last Wednesday. The doctor told me that I have to wait another 6 months to a year to be able to bend the knee and try to walk again. It will be a couple more years before, you know, I try to stand up to be the person that I used to be and play sports, play with my little girl, work, and do a lot of things that I used to do.

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I want to say that -- Thank you very much, your Honor.

MRS. SANTOS: Your Honor, my name is Sylvia Santos. I'm the mother of Genaro Claudio.

Your Honor, there is a couple of things that Genaro, he is upset and he is a bit nervous, and there are a couple of things that the doctor told Genaro on his last visit; that he won't be able to run anymore for the rest of his life.

What this guy has done to us, we have been through so much pain, it hurts so much when my granddaughter, Genaro's daughter, who wants to be picked up and he can't pick up his daughter.

What he has done to Genaro, to us, to all of us, he not only ruined Genaro's life, Genaro is

a young guy, he would work, and he was a happy person. Now after this happened, your Honor, I left my job to take care of my son and I was a witness of his nightmares. Up to this day, even this morning I mentioned to him that he was screaming. I was in the basement, and I came upstairs, and when I come upstairs his eyes are wide open. In the beginning he thought that Mr. Hudson would come back. Now it's just nightmares. He saw a doctor before. The doctor said, Well, this is going to take a long, long time.

Again, your Honor, I'm here because I think that this -- I'm sure this guy just doesn't have an idea what he has done to somebody else's life. What really hurts, not only Genaro, because he's the victim here, I'm sure it hurts him the most, but me as his mother and his brothers. We've all suffered. He was an innocent person. He was an innocent victim of this.

Your Honor, please take into consideration as a mother, son, him being a father, it's ruined our lives and, again, for the rest of our lives. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am.

MR. FIGUEIROA: Your Honor, my name is

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I'm Genaro's cousin. Hector Figueiroa. I want to say, your Honor, no matter what we say here today it's not going to change anything what happened. And Genaro is ruined for the rest of his life. Не won't be able to do things that he used to do before. He's been through a lot mentally, physically, emotionally. His family has been through also. What this guy has done to Genaro, no matter what time he serves in jail, you know, eventually he will be free and he is going to be able to walk, run, work, do the normal things a human being would be able to do. Genaro still won't be able to do what many people can do. It's hard. We keep mentioning his daughter because he is real close to her. She's 4 years old. a 5-year-old daughter. We usually do things together and it's hard -- We go to Chuckie Cheese, somewhere simple, all that he can do is sit there and just look at his daughter play with me and my daughter because he can't do the things that he used to do.

I hope that -- I'm sure that you'll make the right decision and give him the sentence that he deserves. I want Mr. Hudson to know what you do here in the world you will pay for it here.

That is all that I have to say. Thank you.

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MR. MAY: Would you like to hear from the State now?

THE COURT: Pardon me?

MR. MAY: Would you like to hear from the State now or last?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MAY: I'd like to thank this Court for giving me the opportunity to come up here and join in this case. This case was an important case when I had it, and it took quite awhile to bring to fruition which is why I came back to do it. I thought it was important. I would like to thank the Court for its patience.

The Court noted when we came to the jury's verdict, I'd like to point out here, there seemed to be some questions as to what the jury was thinking. And, of course, we don't know exactly what the jury was thinking. We promised we would look into that for the Court. I would like the Court to know there is no appellate issue here regarding what some might perceive as some kind of inconsistent result with Count 2 and Counts 5 and 6. For that, I refer the Court to cases which I have supplied to Mr. Sidoti and to the Court, the

case of State v. Burrell, which is in our own appellate district, Eighth District, and it's 1998 Westlaw, 183839. It's from 1998. That is based on a case from the Ohio Supreme Court, your Honor, State v. Adams, 55 Ohio St.2d, 223. That is from 1978. Both those cases, your Honor, indicate that nothing is inconsistent about a jury verdict unless there is something inconsistent within the count itself.

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In this case, as the State argued, and it seems the jury may quite have reasonably followed, I argued clearly to them that this case was a murder attempt. It was intended to be a murder that was wrapped up and cloaked in this guise of an aggravated robbery so the newspaper line would read, like sometimes it does, West side man found shot in the head. Money, jewelry missing, suspected drug related. But one thing the Defendant did not expect is Genaro Claudio reacted and tried to save his own life. So the first thing Genaro did was pull the gun down from his That caused him to be shot in the abdomen. head. Right there, your Honor, that is the attempted murder we are talking about here. That is what the jury saw. They saw the attempted murder, and

1 I believe -- I'm not going to seek to say what the jury thought, but it seems to me they see this for 2 what it is. This is an attempted murder for a 3 ridiculous little bar fight with the wrong person. He's got the wrong victim in mind when he is 5 trying to kill Genaro Claudio. It's his cousin, 7 and Genaro happened to be nearby. It's an understandable mistake, but you don't kill 8 9 somebody over a little bar fight and certainly 10 don't try to kill the wrong person. aggravated robbery, it seems the jury felt, yeah, 11 12 he did it but he did not intend to rob him, he 13 just intended to kill him. That may explain --14 that is one explanation that I offer. The most 15 important thing that I say is that it doesn't 16 matter according to the Supreme Court. verdict will stand, and it will withstand 17 18 constitutional and appellate scrutiny in this 19 case.

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The concern that I do have is my second point, your Honor, with regard to the RVO. I'm afraid that I, in my exuberance to put this before the Court, was distracting the Court when I was asking for a ruling on it when I proceeded into this RVO specification repeat violent offender

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Unfortunately, this case has the RVO specification under the old law. I think that I may have pulled the Court along with me because the old law required me under the RVO to prove that some kind of physical harm occurred in the underlying offense. The underlying offense listed in the indictment was aggravated burglary which it turns out, under the old law, to be one of the few 1st degree felony offenses that requires the State to actually prove that somebody got hurt.

In that process of acting under the new RVO, I persuaded the Court that that should be something we should find here. While I do believe the Defendant is a repeat violent offender under the old law, I did not actually prove, to constitutional satisfaction, that he is a repeat violent offender for sentencing purposes. So I ask the Court to take that into account and, upon further consideration, to diffuse a potential appellate issue and not issue any sentence with regard to the RVO but, perhaps, to redirect sentencing to the counts as they are.

As this Court knows me, ordinarily, I believe generally, I don't try to interject myself

into sentencings before this Honorable Court.

These two issues definitely required me to say something. In this case I feel it's important, and I hope the Court will consider certain factors that make this a case more severe, if that can be said, with regard to attempted murder.

I have been in front of this Court before on an attempted murder case, and the Court knows no one has to be harmed in order for it to be prosecuted and convicted and incarcerated for attempted murder. We have had cases where no one has had a hair harmed on their head; however, this was attempted murder and it certainly rises to the worst form of the offense.

What did Mr. Hudson do? Well, as best as we can understand without tapping into his mind, he decided that he needed to kill Genaro Claudio because he thought incorrectly that Genaro Claudio was the one that hit him in the head with the bottle. And he stewed over this for over a month and pulled together a plan when he saw the opportunity. The Defendant tried to shoot the victim in the head right in the car, and that is the attempted murder right there. When the victim foiled that first shot and took the shot or shots

to the abdomen, then this case got more complicated. So we have an attempted murder right out of the gate, and then a felonious assault, and then another felonious assault, and another felonious assault, and another. After the struggle when the victim is running away, the Defendant is still shooting at him trying to kill him or at least trying to maim him.

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The Court has heard all the evidence, and the Court has seen Genaro Claudio, and the Court knows his left leg to the kneecap was exploded from behind from the last shot out of that gun. So what I would ask the Court to consider carefully here is that the State firmly believes the attempted murder and the felonious assault counts do not merge. Certainly, the attempted murder count and the felonious assault count with regard to causing serious physical harm does not merge. There should be separate consecutive sentences imposed with regard to those two counts.

Now, they only merge if you want them to, your Honor, and each shot that hit this victim could be considered a separate intentional act by the Defendant. They just don't charge them that way. In this case we have both assault with a

deadly weapon multiple times and serious physical harm multiple times. Different ways of looking at felonious assault. Because there are only two felonious assault charges here, I ask you to consider running them separately and consecutive. They have both been proven rock solidly beyond a reasonable doubt. I ask you not to merge the attempted murder with the felonious assaults. have the same argument with the felonious assault counts. Not only did Genaro's leg get destroyed but he has a bullet that entered through his back, fractured his ribs, back, and occasionally causing him random, severe internal injury and pain. will continue to migrate in his body until it is in a place where they can safely remove it.

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The final counts tried before the bench brings me to this summation. Under the weapon under disability count the Defendant had not one -- the Defendant had one and did not have two guns in this case. If the Court remembers the evidence, the bullets in the victim don't match the gun recovered but the gun was found by the hat, and the hat and the gun were probably dropped when the Defendant went over the fence.

Now, the interesting thing here, I tried to

make that point in my closing argument and I think I did it successfully, we talked to not one but two separate men who spoke with the Defendant months and months and months apart. Yet both of them basically took the Defendant's confession except it was not in the form of a confession it was more in the form of disbelief from Mr. Wente who basically heard, I can't believe that guy didn't die. How do you take two in the stomach and not die? And from Mr. Satterfield who heard about the going over the fence and running. The funny part was, and I didn't know until I got to interview the officer, I didn't know the officer had seen him going over the fence. Nobody knew that. The only way Derrick Satterfield knew that is if he talked to the Defendant. It was not in the police report that he could steal to try to save his own butt. That struck me as super powerful stuff. But when it matched up to what Officer Connor said, an officer that I did not have an opportunity to speak with about the facts, it shows just how the most little insignificant fact can become the most important fact. Those men, call them snitches, if you will, are telling the truth.

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record as this Court knows. He knows the system, he knows the rules, he knows how it works and knows that he was not supposed to have a gun. He used a gun in the worst possible way trying to shoot someone in the head and then multiple times. I ask you to impose the maximum sentence on that particular count as well. Separate consecutive time for all these counts. The Defendant has been imprisoned numerous times, as you will see from his record in the presentence investigation, and committed more crimes. Recidivism is highly likely. And since deterrence has not worked, I ask you to impose the maximum possible sentence on the guilty counts and run them consecutive. He

The Defendant has a substantial criminal

THE COURT: What?

shows no remorse in this case.

MR. MAY: Maximum possible sentences consecutively. He would do it again if he can get away with it and probably try to go after Derrick Satterfield and Joseph Wente. If you think about it, what is this case about? Getting hit in the head in a little dispute in a bar with a bottle. What is he going to try to do to someone who is trying to send him to prison for years and years

and years like Satterfield and Wente? I don't envy them, and I suspect they will probably move out of the state and disappear as fast as they can.

I'm asking you to protect us, your Honor, and I'm asking you to protect them, (indicating). I ask you to protect Mr. Wente, Mr. Satterfield, and to protect us all, your Honor, and send Mr. Hudson away for as long as possible because I don't think that he is ever going to comport with the rules of society.

THE COURT: What is your position on the RVO?

MR. MAY: The Court should consider either declaring him not guilty of the RVO upon further consideration since I think that I convinced the Court under the wrong standard or, if not, to not find any additional time under the RVO because that would be an instantaneous victorious appellate issue. Thank you, your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Sidoti.

MR. SIDOTI: Thank you, your Honor. Your Honor, with respect to the counts and the findings by the jury, your Honor, Counts 1 and 2 we ask that Count 2 would be a lesser included offense.

It should be merged along with Count 1. Also, the Court is aware that the findings as to the felonious assault by the jury, this happened out of the same moment in time, the same instance. We ask the Court to also consider that Counts 3 and 4 also be merged along with Count 1. We understand the 3-year gun spec that would go along with that. Also, your Honor, and any time given on Counts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 be ran concurrently and not consecutively.

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In speaking with my client, your Honor, he maintained his innocence at the onset, he maintains it now. He does not wish to speak with the Court regarding the case. We believe the findings by the jury are inconsistent with the evidence that has been presented. Whatever the appealable issues are to the appellate level or Supreme Court level, I object to that which was stated by Mr. May as to what is proper for their review and what is not. I think that is an issue for the appeals court to decide whether or not they want to review the cases brought up by Mr. May. I had the chance to look them over, and I find the cases are not similar, they are different than what was tried in this Court, your Honor.

Then, again, with respect to the RVO, there has been no evidence offered of any physical harm being done to any person by the prosecution, and we ask the Court not impose any sentence as to the RVO specs, your Honor.

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We ask to be heard at least to the appeal. I believe no matter what the sentence, my client is going to exercise his right to an appeal. He is indigent, your Honor, so he will request appellate counsel be appointed. If the Court would consider the appointment of Margaret Robey as his appellate counsel?

THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: Mr. Hudson, do you have a statement or refuse to make a statement?

THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: In regards to each of the two felonies of the 1st degree, the Defendant will be sentenced to 10 years at Lorain Correctional

Institute. In regards to each of the two felonies of the 2nd degree, 6 years at the Lorain

Correctional Institute. The two felonies of the 1st degree will be served concurrent with each other, the two felonies of the 2nd degree will be served concurrent with each other. On the felony

of the 3rd degree, which is Count 7, having weapon under disability, he will receive 5 years in prison. That will run consecutive to the felonies of the 2nd degree. The felonies of the 2nd degree and felonies of the 3rd degree will run consecutive to the felonies of the 1st degree. So a total of 21 years in prison.

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In addition, the 1 and 3-year firearm specifications for each of the felonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees will merge into one 3-year firearm specification which will be served prior to and consecutive with the underlying charges for a total of 24 years in prison. The Defendant will pay restitution in the amount equal to lost wages and medical expenses of the victim as determined by probation. He will pay costs.

The Defendant has appeal rights because of the trial by jury, and also there are consecutive discretionary sentences here. If the Defendant is unable to pay the cost for an appeal, he has a right to appeal without payment. If the Defendant is unable to obtain counsel for appeal, counsel will be appointed without cost. If the Defendant is unable to pay the cost for documents necessary for an appeal, the documents will be provided

without cost. The Defendant has a right to have notice of appeal timely filed on his behalf, and upon Defendant's request the Court shall appoint counsel for purposes of the appeal. As indicated, the Defendant does wish to appeal and the Court will appoint Margaret Robey as appellate counsel. She has a good reputation with the Court for that and is also on the assignment list for that purpose. The transcript will be at State's expense. He will also receive 5 years PRC.

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In Case No. 469048 the Defendant will be found in violation of his community control.

Community control will be terminated. He will be sentenced to 1 year in prison at the Lorain

Correctional Institute. By statute, that 1 year will be consecutive to Case No. 487205 -- I'm sorry, 478205. He will receive credit for time served in both cases. Sheriff will compute the time in both cases and also pay costs.

This Defendant has a long history of criminal offenses dating back to 1990. They include receiving stolen property, breaking and entering, aggravated burglary, on a couple occasions engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, and other items which indicate this

1	individual Defendant is a danger to society in
2	whole, and that an extreme amount of punishment is
3	necessary to protect the public and punish the
4	Defendant.
5	Anything else, gentlemen?
6	MR. MAY: Thank you, your Honor.
7	MR. SIDOTI: No, sir. Thank you, your
8	Honor.
9	THE COURT: As a continuation of the
10	hearing, because there is mandatory sentences, the
11	Defendant is not eligible for judicial release
12	during the period of mandatory sentencing and he
13	is not eligible for any community control.
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15	(Thereupon, the transcript of proceedings was concluded.)
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## CERTIFICATE

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