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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement by Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates on the Old West End Festival Shooting Indictments

"Today, a Lucas County Grand Jury indicted two defendants for their roles in the June 6, 2026, shooting at the Old West End Festival.

Immediately following the shooting, I shared that in recent cases, our office has pursued additional felonious assault charges against individuals who fire guns into crowds when supported by the evidence. The grand jury's indictment reflects that approach. The two defendants face more than 100 total counts, and one defendant is additionally charged with criminal gang activity specifications. It follows the thorough investigative work of the Toledo Police Department.

We will try this case in a courtroom, not in the court of public opinion. Our team will approach this case with compassion, integrity and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law. We are determined to seek justice for those harmed by this violence and for a community that saw a cherished summer tradition interrupted by tragedy."

About the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office

The Lucas County Prosecutor's Office pursues justice, safeguards our community and advocates for victims. We balance accountability with individual rights, partnering with law enforcement to ensure public safety and fair governance. We are committed to integrity, outreach and justice for all.

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