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## **Eastpointe Man Sentenced in Case of 5 Year Old Shooting Himself in the Foot**

Mount Clemens, MI - Today, Laron Alston, 44 years old, was sentenced by Macomb County Circuit Court Judge James Maceroni for child abuse.

On Tuesday, August 09, 2022, Laron Alston was caring for his autistic five year old nephew. Alston placed his registered .40cal handgun on his recliner and covered it with blankets. His nephew acquired the gun and shot himself in the foot. The child was treated at the hospital.

Alston of Eastpointe was charged with Child Abuse in the Second Degree. He pled guilty to Attempted Child Abuse in the Second Degree on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Today, Alston was sentenced to 12 months probation, restitution, no contact with the victim, Class A training, and he must forfeit his firearms. The victim's mother was present at the sentencing hearing and was in agreement with the plea and sentence.

"Gun owners must store their firearms in a safe and secure manner to avoid children accessing them. This situation could have been much worse," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

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