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LESSER CHARGE IN DEATH: Diego Villas avoided a potential life sentence Monday when prosecutors dismissed a murder charge against him when he pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. Under an agreed plea, Villas will be sentenced to 13 years in prison — 10 years for involuntary manslaughter and three years for using a gun — after he admitted he tried to rob Norris “Mickey” White, 61, Jan. 12 while he was driving his car east on East 12th Street. White died after Villas shot him in the neck in the street at 513 E. 12th St., Over-the-Rhine. In exchange for the guilty plea, Hamilton County prosecutors agreed to drop charges of murder and aggravated robbery that could have resulted in a life sentence. Villas will be formally sentenced Oct. 13.