

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Max Prison Time for Violent Bath Robbery

(February 29, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan gave the maximum sentence of 20 years in prison to Madrid Asefi, 22, of Santee Avenue in Akron; Justin Hill, 19, of Juno Place in Bedford Heights; and Michael Louthian, 28, of 3rd Street in Barberton, for the assault and robbery of an elderly Bath man last June. Asefi's sentence will run consecutively to a five-year Robbery conviction from Portage County.

Samantha Furman was working as a home health aide for a 72-year-old Bath resident recovering from brain surgery. Furman told Louthian, her ex-boyfriend, where the victim had cash, guns and TVs in his house.

Late on June 26, Christine Marshall drove Louthian, Hill and Asefi to the victim's house. The three men went into the house, while Marshall waited in her truck. The victim woke up and yelled at the men to leave his house. They did, then decided they weren't going to leave empty-handed, so they broke back into the house through a different entrance. They knocked the victim out of his wheelchair and kicked and stomped on his head. They then ransacked the house and stole guns, money, TVs and anything else they could find.

A meals-on-wheels worker found the victim lying on the floor of his home two days later. He had multiple surgeries as a result of the attack and will spend the rest of his life in an assisted living facility.

Asefi, Hill and Louthian previously pleaded guilty to Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree, and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree. Furman also pleaded guilty to Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree, and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree. Marshall pleaded guilty to Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree. Judge Callahan will sentence Furman and Marshall on March 14 at 1:30 p.m.