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Jack Shaffer Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter

AKRON, OHIO – December 12, 2014 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that on December 11, Jack Shaffer, 21, of Stephens Avenue in Akron pleaded guilty to:

- Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony of the first degree
- Corrupting Another With Drugs, a felony of the second degree

On March 28, 2014, Shaffer purchased heroin from Brian Newell and gave it to Julia Robbins. Robbins was found passed out, outside a friend's home. Friends carried her inside the house and laid her down on the floor with a blanket. The next morning, she was unresponsive and 911 was called. Robbins was pronounced dead. An autopsy report indicated she died of an overdose of heroin, fentanyl and alcohol.

When Shaffer was interviewed he denied any knowledge of heroin use or purchase. He later changed his story and admitted details of the events that took place.

Co-defendant Brian Newell, 21, of Wren Walk in Akron, is also charged with Trafficking Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree. Newell's trial date is set for December 15, 2014.

Judge Lynne Callahan will sentence Shaffer January 28, 2015 at 1:45 p.m.