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### **Jury Recommends Death in New Franklin Homicides**

**AKRON, OHIO – October 31, 2014** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that the jury recommends death for Shawn E. Ford, Jr., 20, of Gage Street in Akron.

On October 22, a jury found Ford guilty of:

- Five counts of Aggravated Murder
  - Each count carries three death specifications
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree
- Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree
- Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree
- Petty Theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree
- Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree

On March 23, 2013, Chelsea Schobert was beaten and stabbed by her boyfriend, Shawn Ford, which resulted in hospitalization. Following this attack, on April 1, 2013, Ford and a 14-year-old male friend walked from Akron to Jeffrey and Margaret “Peg” Schobert’s home in New Franklin. Ford and friend, angry that the Schobert’s were keeping Ford from their daughter, took a sledgehammer from the garage and hit Jeff Schobert, at least 14 times, while in his bed. After waiting several hours for Peg Schobert to arrive home from her daughter’s hospital bedside, Ford brutally attacked Peg Schobert, hitting her at least 19 times. A worker doing a renovation job on the slain couple’s home found the bodies inside their master bedroom.

“Shawn Ford is one of the most dangerous defendants I have ever seen. He viciously murdered two people who had been very kind to him,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I’d like to thank the jury for their consideration as Capital Punishment cases are always tough to decide; however, the brutality of these crimes made the death penalty a necessary specification in this tragic case.”

Ford will be sentenced by Judge Thomas Parker on a date to be announced.