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### **Scott Purk Found Guilty of Murdering Wife 30 Years Ago**

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 17, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Scott Purk, 53, guilty of killing his wife Margaret Purk in 1985.

Jurors found Purk guilty of the following charges:

- Murder - a special felony
- Tampering With Evidence – a felony of the third degree

Margaret Purk was 24-years-old and nine months pregnant when she was found dead in the apartment she shared with her husband. At the time, the Summit County Coroner ruled Margaret Purk's death a suicide. But a 2009 police investigation discovered new evidence. Margaret Purk's body was exhumed and the Summit County Medical Examiner ruled her death a homicide. Scott Purk strangled his wife and made it look like she committed suicide.

Purk is currently serving a 28 year prison sentence for setting fire to his Stow home, and the home of a neighbor, in 2009.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Todd McKenney is scheduled to sentence Scott Purk on Tuesday November 24, 2015 at 9am.