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Mother, 3 Others Indicted in Teenager's Heroin Death

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, May 3, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County Grand Jury has indicted Heather Frye, 31, of Andrus Street in Akron in connection with the heroin death of her 16-year-old son Andrew. The Grand Jury also handed up indictments against Frye's mother Brenda Frye, age 52, of Neville Avenue in Akron, Jessica Irons, age 34 of Merria Road in Stow, and Donald Callaghan, age 58 of Neville Avenue in Akron.

Heather Frye is charged with the following:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 1st degree
- Child Endangering – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3rd degree

Brenda Frye is charged with the following:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 1st degree
- Trafficking in Heroin – a felony of the 4th degree

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Jessica Irons is charged with the following:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Reckless Homicide – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Possession of Heroin – a felony of the 5th degree
- Contributing to the Unruliness of Delinquency of a Child – a misdemeanor of the 1st degree

Donald Callaghan is charged with the following:

- Possession of Heroin – a felony of the 5th degree

On April 6, 2016, 16-year-old Andrew Frye was found dead at a hotel room in Green. The Summit County Medical Examiner determined the teen died from injecting heroin. Investigators discovered Frye's mother Heather, her friend Jessica Irons, and Heather Frye's mother Brenda Frye (Andrew's Grandmother) were all in the hotel room prior to Andrew's death. As part of their investigation, Summit County Sheriff's Deputies discovered the heroin Andrew used was obtained from Donald Callaghan, who is Brenda Frye's boyfriend.

All four are due to be arraigned in Summit County Court on May 4, 2016.