

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Brothers sentenced to eight and four years for brutal beating

(December 17, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Kenneth J. Porter, 65, of Akron, and his brother Kevin Porter, 47, also of Akron, were sentenced today by Judge Lynne Callahan for the brutal beating that left a man in a coma.

Kenneth Porter was sentenced to the maximum of eight years in prison. His brother, Kevin, was sentenced to four years. The two were found guilty on December 8, 2009 in a bench trial by Judge Lynne Callahan of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree.

On May 3, 2009, the victim, Howard Mack, 50, of Akron, had an altercation with co-defendant Jon Boykin, 56, of Akron, at a birthday party that led to Boykin being injured. Mack left the party and went to a bar. An hour later he drove past a house on his way home and saw Kenneth and Kevin Porter along with Jon Boykin. The victim stopped, got out of his vehicle and exchanged words with the three. They proceeded to brutally beat Mack, including pistol whipping him. The beating put Mack into a medically induced coma for three weeks after the incident.

Boykin's trial date is set for January 4, 2010 in Judge Callahan's Court.