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## **Clemency not recommended for Brett X. Hartman**

(Akron) ... The Ohio Parole Board today unanimously recommended against clemency for Brett Hartman, 35, currently in prison and sentenced to death for the 1997 murder of Winda Snipes, 46, of Akron.

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh reiterated what she said during Hartman's clemency hearing, "Brett Hartman has tried to emphasize the good things he has done during his incarceration. That may well be, but no amount of good deeds can erase the horror and brutality of the crime committed by the defendant. After all this time, Brett Hartman still has not shown any remorse for killing Winda Snipes and he certainly showed no mercy when he tortured and killed her. He refuses to accept responsibility. The evidence has continuously pointed to one thing; Brett Xavier Hartman killed Winda Snipes. I am pleased with the recommendation of the parole board.

On September 9, 1997, Brett Hartman brutally murdered Winda Snipes. Winda was beaten, stabbed one hundred thirty-eight times, strangled, her throat was cut, and her hands - which have never been found - were cut off.