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## **HUDSON MAN CHARGED IN MURDERS OF MOTHER, BROTHER**

(Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County Grand Jury has indicted Michael Knudson, 45, of Hudson, with four counts of Murder for causing the death of his mother, Patricia Knudson, 64, and his brother, John Knudson, 42. The mother and two sons lived in the same Hudson home on Connecticut Woods Drive.

Walsh said, "The indictment states that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2009, through on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, Michael Knudson caused the murders of his mother and brother. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Hudson Fire Department was called out to the home when flames were seen coming out of the house. Michael Knudson will be arraigned on May 22, 2009. He is currently in the Summit County jail on a million cash bond."

Knudson was also indicted on charges of Aggravated Arson, a felony of the second degree, Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, two counts of Abuse of a Corpse, felonies of the fifth degree, and Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor. The murder counts are four different alternative charges to allow a jury to consider every option of evidence. The charges of murder are considered a Special Felony for purposes of sentencing, but are not a death penalty case.

Knudson was initially charged with Aggravated Arson. The Grand Jury added the charges of murder. Knudson was arrested on April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Haven of Rest where he was staying.