

## MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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### **Three indicted on charges of Aggravated Murder for death of woman's mother**

(November 5, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that **Taylor M. Marks**, 20, of Akron, **Troy A. Purdie**, 19, of Akron, and **Brian S. Smith**, 22, of Akron, were indicted by a Summit County Grand Jury on charges of **Aggravated Murder** "in that they did purposely, and with prior calculation and design, caused the death of Kristie Marks."

Marks and Purdie were also indicted with a Death Penalty Specification for committing the Aggravated Murder "for hire," allowing the jury to impose a sentence of death if they are convicted. Purdie was also indicted on a Tampering with Evidence charge.

On October 24, 2009, the three defendants allegedly caused the death of Kristie Marks, Taylor Marks's mother. The indictment is attached.