

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty of Murdering estranged wife Leaves two young children behind

(March 12, 2010) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Matthew Terrion, 39, of Glenwillow, OH, was found guilty by a jury after three and half days of trial, but less than two hours of deliberations, on all counts including Murder (a special felony) with a firearm specification and firearm silencer specification, Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, and Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor.

Judge Patricia Cosgrove sentenced Terrion to a total of 21 years to Life in prison.

On the evening of April 29, 2009, Terrion shot his estranged wife execution style in her Twinsburg apartment, directly to the top of her head with a Sig Suer 228 9mm handgun with a silencer attached. Cherilyn Terrion had filed for divorce earlier in the month, but had dismissed the divorce action prior to her death. Before their separation, she resided with her husband and two kids at the defendant's parent's home in Glenwillow.

Police discovered the crime after a co-worker of Cherilyn's called the police the following day when she did not report for work. According to a co-worker, Cherilyn made a comment that if she was found dead it was her husband who killed her.

Police went to Matthew Terrion's Glenwillow home to do a welfare check on Cherilyn and instead, found Matthew barricaded in his house. He eventually came out and approached officers wearing a bullet proof vest. The police took the defendant into custody. Upon entry of the house, police discovered the defendant had barricades and numerous guns throughout the house. Additionally, they found a sawed off loaded shot gun in the room where the two children were found playing. The children were two and five at the time of their mother's death.

Police transported Terrion to the hospital because he had allegedly ingested pills. At the hospital Terrion admitted shooting his wife. He also admitted he picked up the casings, left the apartment and her dead body, went home and cleaned off his gun, and hid the casings in the attic.

Police later found Cherilyn's body in her Twinsburg apartment. In court, Terrion testified that he shot his estranged wife point blank in the top of the head. He had no explanation for why he cleaned up the crime scene.