

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Chad Jay Cobb Pleads Guilty to Murdering Ex-Girlfriend

(February 26, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Chad Jay Cobb, 31, of Mount Eaton Road in Rittman, pleaded guilty today to Aggravated Murder; Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree; Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree; Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree; Retaliation, a felony of the third degree; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; Abuse of a Corpse, a felony of the third degree; Possession of Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree; and Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Ashley Biggs, the mother of Cobb's six-year-old daughter, was working as a pizza delivery driver when Cobb had a female caller lure Biggs to an empty office parking lot in New Franklin on the evening of June 20, 2012. Cobb tased and beat Biggs before strangling her to death with a zip tie. He then stuffed her body in the back seat of a car, which he abandoned in a cornfield in Chippewa Township in Wayne County. Cobb and Biggs had been going through a very contentious custody battle over their daughter.

As part of the plea agreement, Cobb agreed to a sentence of life in prison with no parole eligibility. He faced the death penalty if the case went to trial.