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Robert Thomas Pitts Sentenced to Life in Prison

Pitts will never be eligible for parole

AKRON, OHIO – June 23, 2014 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that Robert Thomas Pitts, 20, of South Rose Boulevard in Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Murder for the deaths of 53-year-old Bryan May and 20-year-old Jeremy Putra.

May and his son Putra were found stabbed to death inside their West Akron home on July 17, 2013. Pitts surrendered to police the next day in Chicago. He had been living with May and Putra for several weeks before murdering them.

“Bryan May and Jeremy Putra were kind men who took in a friend in need. Tragically, they paid for that kindness with their lives,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “It is my hope that their friends and family can truly begin to heal now that they know Robert Thomas Pitts will spend the remainder of his life behind bars.”

Pitts was originally eligible for the death penalty. After conferring with the investigators and the victims’ family, a plea agreement was reached in which Pitts would be sentenced to life in prison. He will not be eligible for parole.