

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man who murdered shopkeeper not getting out of prison Parole Board continues William Perryman to 2015

(April 6, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the Ohio Parole Board issued its decision today on convicted murderer William Perryman, now 64, continuing his prison sentence until January 2015, when he will next be up for parole.

Walsh said, "We are pleased with the Ohio Parole Board's decision not to release William Perryman. We have opposed Perryman's release twice already since I took office, and will continue to oppose his release as long as I am Summit County Prosecutor. He was given a break in 1978 when his death sentence was commuted, but that should never mean that he will be released from prison."

Perryman's death sentence was commuted in 1978 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Ohio's capital punishment law was unconstitutional. He was sentenced to death in 1974 for killing the owner of the Star Market on South Arlington Street in Akron, Lawrence Busch, in an attempted robbery and abduction ploy.

Ohio did not have a law that offered life without the possibility of parole in 1978, which meant that Perryman became eligible to seek parole beginning in 1990.