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Akron Man Found Guilty in Barberton Triple Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, August 28, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found Michael Hendon, 23, of Fawler Avenue in Akron, guilty in connection with the murders of three people in Barberton on December 31, 2013

Jurors found Hendon guilty of the following charges:

- Three counts of Aggravated Murder – felonies of the first degree
- One count of Attempted Murder – a felony of the first degree
- Five counts of Aggravated Burglary – felonies of the first degree
- Two counts of Felonious Assault – felonies of the second degree

On the evening of December 31, 2013, Hendon, armed with a gun, forced his way into the Barberton home of John Kohler with the intent of stealing money and drugs. In the process of the robbery, the 42-year-old Kohler, his 18-year-old step-daughter Ashley Carpenter, and his 14-year-old son David Carpenter-Kohler, were shot and killed. Kohler's live-in girlfriend, Ronda Blankenship, was shot in the head, but survived. Blankenship lost an eye as a result of the shooting.

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Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones is scheduled to sentence Hendon on September 8th, 2015 at 2pm.

Hendon's brother Eric is scheduled to stand trial in the case on October 13, 2015.