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Akron Woman Pleads Guilty to Causing Deadly Crash

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, February 03, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jessica Francis, 23, of Rocky Brook Drive in Akron, pled guilty to causing a crash which killed Haley Hopkins, a passenger in her vehicle.

Francis pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Vehicular Homicide – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Operating a Vehicle While Impaired – a misdemeanor of the 1st degree

On July 31, 2015, Francis was speeding, lost control of the vehicle, went off road, and struck several trees. Cuyahoga Falls police determined Francis was intoxicated while driving the vehicle, with a blood alcohol content nearly three times the legal limit. The passenger, 22-year-old Haley Hopkins, died in the crash.

Sentencing for Francis has yet to be determined.