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Akron Woman Found Guilty of Having Ex-Boyfriend Killed

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, January 29, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Tiffany Powell, 34, of Minota Avenue in Akron, guilty in connection with the murder of the father of her children.

Jurors found Powell guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated Murder a special felony
- Obstructing Justice a felony of the 3rd degree

Powell and the victim, James Harris, have five children together. On April 26, 2014, while in the middle of an on-going custody battle, Powell and her boyfriend, Paul Reed, lured the 69-year-old Harris to Powell's home. At the home, Reed attacked Harris, knocked him to the floor, and slammed Harris' head into the ground 15 times. Harris died of blunt force trauma.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Thomas Teodosio is scheduled to sentence Powell on February 25, 2016 at 8:30am.

Paul Reed was found guilty of murder in February of 2015 and is currently serving a life sentence.