

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Roxanne Buck Sentenced to Life in Prison

Buck stabbed her roommate's throat

(October 21, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Roxanne Buck, 45, of Bryn Mawr Drive in Stow, was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison, for murder, with an additional three years for tampering with evidence. Buck's sentence will run consecutively.

On March 14, 2014 Michelle Johnson, 21, was brutally murdered in her Stow home. Johnson's mother, who was in West Virginia at the time, contacted police after her daughter failed to return several phone calls. Stow police responded and found Johnson's body hidden under blankets in the backyard shed. Johnson had been stabbed several times in the throat. Investigators found Johnson's blood on library books inside Buck's car and Buck and Johnson's blood in several areas inside the home.

"Michelle Johnson's life was cut short through an act of rage," said Prosecutor Walsh. "While her family and friends are still in a state of shock, my hope is that Roxanne Buck's sentence provides justice and helps them begin to heal."

On October 17, a jury found Buck guilty of Murder, a special felony and Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree.