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Akron Student Sentenced to 3 Years for Stabbing Roommate to Death

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, December 5, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Kendal Scheid, 23, of Grant Street in Akron, was sentenced to three years in prison for stabbing to death his roommate, 23-year-old Duncan Unternaher.

On October 23, 2017, Scheid pled guilty to the following charge:

- Involuntary Manslaughter – a felony of the 1st degree

Kendal Scheid and Duncan Unternaher were roommates and students at the University of Akron. On December 3, 2016, Scheid stabbed Unternaher in the chest. Duncan Unternaher died two days later.

“This was a horrible tragedy. No one expects when they send their child off to college that they will be stabbed to death by their roommate,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “In his 23 years, Duncan left behind a legacy of helping others as well as his positive outlook on life. The outpouring of love and support for Duncan from the community has been truly heartwarming, and a testament to his kindness and generosity.”

During today’s sentencing hearing, Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands stated she would consider judicial release for Scheid in six months, the first time he would be eligible. Prosecutors had asked for a prison sentence of eight years.