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## **Summit County Prosecutor Announces Indictment in Heroin Death**

Jack Shaffer accused of supplying drugs that killed Julia Robbins

**AKRON, OHIO – July 15, 2014** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced an indictment against two men for the heroin overdose death of Julia Robbins on March 29, 2014. Jack S. Shaffer, 21, of Stephens Avenue in Akron, is charged with two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter, felonies of the first degree; Corrupting Another with Drugs, a felony of the second degree; and Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree. Shaffer is alleged to have provided heroin to Robbins, who overdosed and died. Brian K. Newell, 20, of Wren Walk in Akron, is charged with Trafficking Heroin, a felony of the fourth degree. Newell sold the heroin to Shaffer.

"Heroin is a serious problem in our community that affects people from all backgrounds," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Holding accountable those who provided heroin and other opiates to people who overdosed and died is one of the tools we can use to fight this epidemic."

Shaffer will be arraigned in the Court of Common Pleas on Wednesday, July 16. Newell will be arraigned in the Court of Common Pleas on Friday, July 18.

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Note: You can read the indictment here.