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Summit County Prosecutor Announces Indictment in Killing of Akron Father and Son Robert Thomas Pitts could face death penalty if convicted

AKRON, OHIO – **August 2, 2013** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that Robert Thomas Pitts, 19, of South Rose Boulevard in Akron, has been indicted in the murders of Jeremy Putra and Bryan May.

Pitts is charged with:

- Four counts of Aggravated Murder, each with two death specifications
- Two counts of Murder
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery, both felonies of the first degree
- Injuring Animals, a misdemeanor of the second degree

If convicted of any count of Aggravated Murder with at least one death specification, Pitts can be sentenced to death.

"Bryan May and Jeremy Putra generously opened their home to Robert Thomas Pitts, who was a longtime friend of Jeremy's since childhood," said Prosecutor Walsh. "This is truly a senseless tragedy, and my office will do everything in its power to seek justice for Bryan May and Jeremy Putra."

Pitts is being extradited from the Cook County Jail in Illinois. Arraignment is set for August 7.

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The indictment is available on our *website*.