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### **Akron Woman Pleads Guilty to Stabbing Boyfriend to Death**

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, May 17, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Crystal Bruce, 34, of Garfield Street in Akron, pled guilty to stabbing her boyfriend, 34-year-old Shawn Belville, to death in September of 2017.

Bruce pled guilty to the following charges:

- Manslaughter – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Tampering With Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

On September 26, 2017, Bruce stabbed Shawn Belville in the chest. Belville died a short time later. At the time, Bruce and Belville were living together and had been in a relationship. Bruce cleaned up the crime scene and hid the knife used to kill Belville.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty is scheduled to sentence Bruce on Monday, May 20, 2019.