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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Murder

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 25, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Daniel Lee Jones, 47, of Burton Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON, for killing 44-year-old Kerri Blondheim in September of 2018.

Jones will be eligible for parole after serving 19 years in prison.

On February 11, 2020 a Summit County jury found Jones guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Murder – special felonies
- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Two Counts of Tampering with Evidence – felonies of the 3rd degree
- Gross Abuse of a Corpse – a felony of the 5th degree

On September 23, 2018, Jones got into an argument with Blondheim at Jones' Akron apartment. Jones then strangled Blondheim, breaking every bone in her throat. To cover up the crime, Jones dumped Blondheim's body in a wooded area on Van Buren Road near the New Franklin-Barberton border, where he covered her body with a mattress and set both on fire.

During trial, Jones testified and admitted to killing Blondheim and burning her body.

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“Kerri Blondheim was loved by family and friends and leaves behind a heartbroken community. No one should suffer the way Kerri did at the hands of Daniel Lee Jones,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Daniel Lee Jones is a cold blooded killer who did everything he could to cover up the crime. My office will work hard to ensure he spends the rest of his life behind bars.”