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## Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Killing Woman

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, March 27, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that David Callaghan, 53, of Akron, pled guilty to several charges, including killing and then burying 54-year-old Martha Freitag.

Callaghan pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder – a special felony
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Abuse of a Corpse – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree
- Domestic Violence – a misdemeanor of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree

In July of 2018, Callaghan beat Freitag to death then buried her body in the backyard of the Akron home where she lived. Callaghan and Freitag had a prior relationship and Freitag let Callaghan stay in the home. Freitag's body was not found until the following September.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux is scheduled to sentence Callaghan on May 6, 2019 at 9am.