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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Killing Woman

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, May 06, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux sentenced David Callaghan, 53, of Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON, for the murder of 54-year-old Martha Freitag.

Callaghan must serve 18 years in prison before he is eligible for parole.

On March 27, 2019 Callaghan pled guilty to the following charges:

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

“David Callaghan inflicted torture and an incredible amount of pain on the Freitag family. He murdered Martha Freitag, then buried her and burned all of her possessions,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “He deserves to spend the rest of his life behind bars.”

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 relationship and Freitag let Callaghan stay in the home. Freitag’s body was not found until the following September.