

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced in the Murder of his Father

(January 24, 2011, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that David Shoemaker, 60, of Cuyahoga Falls, pled guilty and was sentenced to 15 years to life for Murder, a Special Felony.

In 2001, Shoemaker moved in with his parents. On July 2, 2010, Shoemaker called 911 and said his father, Richard Shoemaker, fell down the basement stairs and was unresponsive. At the scene EMS found no signs of life and reported that the patient was cold to the touch. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital. The Medical Examiner found that the 11 injuries to the victim's head along with a broken neck were inconsistent with a fall down the steps. The victim had previously taken steps to have his son evicted from the home. It was also known that the day prior to the murder, Shoemaker was so angry with his father that he had to leave and go to a neighbor's house. The only other person in the house at the time of the death was the victim's 87-year-old wife, and defendant's mother who had previously suffered a stroke and was unable to testify as to what happened.