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Shawn Ford Sentenced to Death for Murder of Margaret Schobert

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, June 29, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tom Parker sentenced Shawn Ford, 20, of Allyn Street in Akron, to death for the murder of Margaret “Peg” Schobert.

Judge Parker also sentenced Ford to Life in Prison without Parole for the murder of Jeffrey Schobert, and Eight Years in Prison for the attack on Chelsea Schobert. Both sentences, which are the maximum allowed, are to be served consecutive to the death sentence.

“This was a brutal, vicious crime. Shawn Ford broke into the Schobert’s home and savagely beat Jeff and Peg with a sledgehammer,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “When he didn’t get what he wanted, Ford took his aggression out on these two caring people; people who were devoted to their family and community. We do not take cases like this or this sentence lightly, and thank the jurors and Judge Parker for ensuring justice for the Schoberts and their family.”

On October 22, 2014, a Summit County jury found Ford guilty of the following charges:

- Five counts of Aggravated Murder – all special felonies
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery – felonies of the first degree
- Aggravated Burglary – a felony of the first degree
- Grand Theft – a felony of the fourth degree
- Felonious Assault – a felony of the second degree (involving the attack on Chelsea Schobert)

In the early morning hours of April 2nd, 2013, Ford, along with accomplice Jamal Vaughn, broke into the Schobert's New Franklin home. Ford bludgeoned Jeffrey Schobert to death with a sledgehammer, then, using Jeffrey Schobert's cell phone, lured Margaret Schobert back to the home. Margaret Schobert had been at the hospital where the Schobert's daughter Chelsea was recovering after being stabbed in the neck by Ford. Margaret Schobert eventually returned home, where Ford beat her to death with the same sledgehammer.

On October 31, 2014, jurors recommended a sentence of death for Ford in the aggravated murder of Margaret Schobert. The same jurors recommended a sentence of life in prison without parole for the aggravated murder of Jeffrey Schobert.

Judge Parker is scheduled to sentence Jamal Vaughn on Tuesday, June 30th, 2015 at 1pm.