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Mother and Daughter Sentenced in Teen's Heroin Death

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, October 12, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Heather Frye and Brenda Frye, both of Akron, were each sentenced to nine years in prison for the death of Heather's 16-year-old son Andrew.

On August 31, 2016 Heather Frye, 32, pled guilty to the following charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter-a felony of the 1st degree
- Endangering Children-a felony of the 3rd degree
- Tampering with Evidence-a felony of the 3rd degree

On August 31, 2016, Brenda Frye, 52, pled guilty to the following charges:

- Involuntary Manslaughter-a felony of the 1st degree
- Trafficking in Heroin-a felony of the 4th degree

On April 6, 2016, 16-year-old Andrew Frye was found dead at a hotel room in Green, Ohio. The Summit County Medical Examiner determined the teen died from injecting heroin. Investigators discovered Andrew's mother Heather, her friend Jessica Irons, and Heather Frye's mother Brenda Frye (Andrew's Grandmother) were all in the hotel room prior to Andrew's death. As part of their investigation, Summit County Sheriff's Deputies discovered the heroin Andrew used was obtained by Brenda Frye from her boyfriend Donald Callaghan. Brenda sold the heroin to Andrew's mother Heather while Andrew was present.

"This was an extremely sad case, a mother's duty is to protect her child," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Instead Heather exposed Andrew to a substance that cost him his life."

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Lynne Callahan is scheduled to sentence Callaghan on October 26, 2016 at 1pm.

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