

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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GUILTY Verdict in Quadruple Homicide *Mitigation phase scheduled to begin October 14*

(October 1, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Deshanon J. Haywood, 22, of Brittain Road in Akron, guilty of:

- Thirteen counts of Aggravated Murder, with aggravated circumstance specifications
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery, all with gun specifications
- Four counts of Kidnapping, all with gun specifications
- Aggravated Burglary, with a gun specification

In the early morning hours of April 18, 2013, Brantley and Haywood targeted a townhome on Kimlyn Circle in Akron, to rob Kem Delaney and Ronald Roberts of heroin and cash. Brantley fatally shot, execution style, Delaney, Roberts, Maria Nash and Roberts girlfriend, Kiana Welch.

A jury found Brantley guilty of 13 counts of Aggravated Murder, four counts of Aggravated Robbery, four counts of Kidnapping and one count of Aggravated Burglary on June 11. He was sentenced to four consecutive life sentences.

The mitigation phase, during which the jury determines whether Haywood should be sentenced to death, is scheduled to begin on October 14, in the courtroom of Judge Paul Gallagher.