

## MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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### **GUILTY Verdict in Tallmadge Double Homicide** *Mitigation phase scheduled to begin March 16*

(February 27, 2015... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Daniel Tighe, 41, of Stone Creek Drive in Tallmadge, guilty of:

- Aggravated Murder, with two specifications for death
- Murder, a special felony
- Domestic Violence, a felony of the fourth degree
- Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree
- Abuse of a Corpse, a felony of the fifth degree

On July 23, 2013, Tighe murdered his son Peyton Ralston, 5, and Peyton's mother Wendy Ralston, 31. Tighe hid their bodies in a wooded area behind their shared residence. On August 10, 2013, Tallmadge Police were dispatched to the Stone Creek Drive home after Wendy's mother found two bundles with unknown contents inside. Tallmadge Police discovered the remains of Wendy and Peyton inside the bundles.

The mitigation phase, during which the jury determines whether Tighe should be sentenced to death, is scheduled to begin on March 16, 2015, in the courtroom of Judge Lynne Callahan.