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## Two Plead Guilty in Connection with Murder of Akron Teen

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, September 26, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Danny Hamby, 40, of Akron, and Toni Kenney, 32, of Roberts Avenue in Warren, pled guilty to a number of charges in connection with the November 2018 murder of 18-year-old Samantha Guthrie.

Hamby pled guilty to the following charges:

- Murder with a Gun Specification – a Special Felony
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Having a Weapon While Under Disability – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Gross Abuse of a Corpse – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

Kenney pled guilty to the following charges:

- Kidnapping – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Carrying a Concealed Weapon – a felony of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree
- Gross Abuse of a Corpse – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

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On November 26, 2018, New Franklin Police discovered Samantha Guthrie's body in the woods off Rex Hill Road in New Franklin, three weeks after her parents reported her missing. Investigators determined Danny Hamby shot and killed Guthrie on November 4, 2018 at 375 Lillian Street in Akron, then ordered Kenney, William Alexander, and Dylan Brown to help clean up the crime scene and dispose of the body. On November 5, Akron police found Hamby and Kenney in possession of, what they later determined to be, the murder weapon as well as the car used to transport Guthrie's body.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kathryn Michael is scheduled to sentence Hamby and Kenney on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 2pm.

William Alexander, 39, of Wymore Drive in Akron, and Dylan Brown, 19, of Lessig Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to several charges on April 10, 2019.

Alexander pled guilty to the following charges:

- Attempted Kidnapping – a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Tampering with Evidence – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Gross Abuse of a Corpse – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

Brown pled guilty to the following charges:

- Attempted Kidnapping – a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Obstructing Justice – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Aggravated Possession of Drugs – a felony of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

Sentencing for Alexander and Brown has not yet been scheduled.