MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Brothers found guilty of felonious assault

(December 8, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Kenneth J. Porter, 66, of Akron, and his brother Kevin Porter, 47, also of Akron, were found guilty in a bench trial by Judge Lynne Callahan of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree.

On May 3, 2009, the victim, Howard Mack, 50, of Akron, had an altercation with co-defendant Jon Boykin, 56, of Akron, at a birthday party that led to Boykin being injured. Mack left the party and went to a bar. An hour later he drove past Boykin's girlfriend's house on his way home and saw Kenneth and Kevin Porter along with Jon Boykin. The victim stopped, got out of his vehicle and exchanged words with the three. They proceeded to brutally beat Mack, including pistol whipping him. The beating put Mack into a medically induced coma for three weeks after the incident.

A trial date has not yet been set for Boykin.