

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Son pleads guilty to murdering mother, brother

(October 22, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Michael Knudson, 40, of Hudson, pled guilty to two counts of Murder, special felonies, Aggravated Arson, a felony of the second degree, and Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree, for the murders of his mother and brother in their Hudson home.

Knudson will be sentenced on November 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Judge Tom Teodosio's court. The State indicated on the record today that it was going to ask for consecutive sentences for a total of 30 years to Life in Prison.

On April 5, 2009, the Hudson Fire Department was called out to 1280 Connecticut Woods, in Hudson. The house was engulfed in flames and Michael Knudson was seen by a passerby leaving the burning house. Hudson police found Knudson the next day at a homeless shelter in Akron and arrested him on arson charges.

A few days later, after an extensive search of the home and its grounds, the bodies of his mother Patricia Knudson, 64, and his brother, John Knudson, 42, were found in a shallow grave in the backyard of the residence under a wood pile. They both had been struck numerous times with a blunt object.