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## **Canton Woman Sentenced to 15-Years-to-LIFE IN PRISON for Murder**

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, June 29, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin sentenced Cher Wagner, 33, of Shrob Avenue in Canton, to 15-years-to-LIFE IN PRISON for stabbing Kelly Avery to death in June of 2020.

On May 28, 2021 a Summit County jury found Wagner guilty of the following charges:

- One Count of Murder – a Special Felony
- One Count of Felonious Assault – a Felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

“This was an awful tragedy which will impact Kelly’s family for years and years to come. Cher Wagner is a violent person and I’m pleased that she will spend a significant amount of time in prison,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Thank you to my prosecutors and the investigators who worked diligently to hold her accountable.”

On June 30, 2020, Wagner stabbed 41-year-old Kelly Avery to death following an argument and a fight at a home on Euclid Avenue in Akron. During the fight, Wagner chased down Avery and stabbed her in the chest.