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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES 10 TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED ARSON





AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Courtney Cooney, 33, was sentenced to 10 to 15 years in prison setting fire to an apartment building on Turkeyfoot Road in Akron and causing the death of one of the tenant's pets. Cooney will also be placed on the Ohio Arson Registry, and will be required to register with her local county sheriff's office once a year for the rest of her life once released from prison.

In December 2025, Cooney pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Aggravated Arson – a Felony of the 1st Degree;
- One count of Aggravated Arson – a Felony of the 2nd Degree;
- One count of Burglary – a Felony of the 2nd Degree;
- One count of Cruelty to Companion Animals – a Felony of the 5th Degree; and
- One count of Criminal Damaging or Endangering – a Misdemeanor of the 2nd Degree.

“Courtney Cooney's selfish rage and spite led her to displace innocent residents of an apartment building and cause the death of a beloved pet,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“My heart goes out to those residents who lost their homes and continue to rebuild their lives.”**

In November 2024, Summit County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies responded to reports of a structure fire on South Turkeyfoot Road. Upon arrival, the on-scene deputy observed one of the first-story units of an apartment building in flames, and he immediately searched the remaining units to ensure all residents had safely evacuated. The Coventry Township Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter and extinguished the blaze. While no residents were inside at the time, a pet cat named Lily perished in the fire. The resident who contacted authorities reported he had been involved in a verbal altercation with an acquaintance, Courtney Cooney, earlier that day. According to his statement, she returned to the property after their argument, yelling that she had set fire to one of the downstairs apartments and warning him to evacuate. Cooney had fled prior to law enforcement's arrival. Deputies recovered burnt clothing at the scene believed to belong to her. Deputies later located and apprehended Cooney in the driveway of a residence on Flynn Avenue. During the investigation, Cooney admitted to officers that following an argument with the 911 caller, she left his apartment, then kicked out an air conditioning unit to gain entry to one of the ground floor apartments. Once inside, she poured gasoline on a couch and ignited it. Cooney also attempted to set a piece of clothing on fire and place it in the acquaintance's vehicle gas tank. The fire displaced multiple residents of the building.

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