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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICT FOR THE MURDER OF KRISTINA SMITH

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Rasheed Lagway, 44, of Akron, was found guilty for the 2025 murder of 39-year-old Kristina Smith.

A Summit County Jury found Lagway guilty of the following charges:

- One count of Murder – an Unclassified Felony;
- One count of Felonious Assault – a 2nd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Domestic Violence – a Misdemeanor of the 1st Degree.

“Rasheed Lagway’s actions were not an accident—they were a deliberate act of violence that cost Kristina Smith her life. Kristina was deeply loved, and our sympathies remain with her children, family, and friends as they continue to grieve this profound loss,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In October 2025, Kristina Smith and her husband, Rasheed Lagway, were spending the evening at the bar she was employed at when Lagway became upset after observing an interaction between Kristina and another patron. After returning to their shared home in Akron, Lagway assaulted Kristina. Kristina fled the residence and contacted a friend from a nearby McDonald’s and was transported to Dollar General, where she also worked. Dollar General employees later reported that Lagway arrived at the location after Kristina had left, asking about her whereabouts. Kristina stayed overnight at her friend’s home and was found deceased on the floor the next morning. An autopsy revealed Kristina died as a result of four broken rib tips that lacerated her spleen, causing her to bleed internally throughout the day.

Lagway is scheduled to be sentenced on May 14, 2026, at 1:30 PM.

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