

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Women Involved in Violent Bath Robbery Sentenced

(March 15, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Samantha Furman, 25, of North Rose Blvd in Akron, to 18 years in prison and Christine Marshall, 31, of Neville Street in Akron, to 10 years in prison for their roles in the assault and robbery of an elderly Bath man last June.

Furman was working as a home health aide for a 72-year-old Bath resident recovering from brain surgery. Furman told Michael Louthian, her ex-boyfriend, where the victim had cash, guns and TVs in his house.

Late on June 26, Marshall drove Louthian, Justin Hill and Marid Asefi to the victim's house. The three men went into the house, while Marshall waited in her truck. The victim woke up and yelled at the men to leave his house. They did, then decided they weren't going to leave empty-handed, so they broke back into the house through a different entrance. They knocked the victim out of his wheelchair and kicked and stomped on his head. They then ransacked the house and stole guns, money, TVs and anything else they could find.

A meals-on-wheels worker found the victim lying on the floor of his home two days later. Furman, who was scheduled to work at the victim's home on the two days immediately following the robbery, did not show up for work either day. The victim had multiple surgeries as a result of the attack and will spend the rest of his life in an assisted living facility.

Furman, Asefi, Hill and Louthian pleaded guilty to Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree, and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree. Marshall pleaded guilty to Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree. On February 29, Judge Callahan sentenced Asefi, Hill and Louthian to 20 years in prison.