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Press Release

For Immediate Release:

Re: State of Ohio vs. Shey Weiker, Case #14 CR 0126

Today Shey L. Weiker entered pleas of guilty to the charges in her June 12, 2014 indictment. Specifically, Ms. Weiker pled guilty to the offenses of Aggravated Arson, Aggravated Murder, Murder, and Attempted Murder. The charges were the result of the deadly house fire at 614 S. Poplar Street, Fostoria on the early morning of May 26, 2014. Ms. Weiker had started the fire with a flare.

The fire resulted in the death of Daniel J. Marker and Tara Lynn Vance. Dana Weatherall, another resident of that home, was able to escape and did survive.

Ms. Weiker was sentenced by Judge Michael P. Kelbley to Life Imprisonment. She is eligible for parole after she has served a full twenty-five (25) years incarceration. Ms. Weiker was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff and will be transported to prison.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine declined additional comments regarding the case as two (2) additional cases remain pending regarding this same investigation. Mr. DeVine did indicate, "The Fostoria Police Department and the Fostoria Fire Department did excellent work under very difficult circumstances. The community should be appreciative of their professionalism." Mr. DeVine also indicated "hope that this will help the surviving victim, the victim families, and the entire Fostoria community as they move forward."

Ms. Weiker was represented by Tiffin attorney Dean Henry.