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Neighbor Indicted for the Murder of Mayfield Heights Woman and Daughter

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CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Grand Jury has indicted 27-year-old Dominique Swopes for the aggravated murder of Rebecca Pletnewski and her 8-year-old daughter.

On the morning of November 20, 2018, Mayfield Heights Fire Department responded to a single-family home that was on fire. After the blaze was under control, they found the bodies of Rebecca, 41, and her daughter inside the home.

Investigators on scene quickly discovered that Pletnewski had been stabbed and the fire was intentionally set. Her daughter was in a second floor bedroom and died from smoke inhalation.

The indictment charges Swopes with fourteen counts including Aggravated Murder, Aggravated Burglary, Aggravated Arson, Aggravated Robbery, Tampering with Evidence, Receiving Stolen Property, Murder, and Felonious Assault.

The indictment reserves the ability to seek the death penalty at a later date.

Prosecutor O'Malley said "We are evaluating this crime as a potential death penalty case for the senseless killing of Ms. Ms. Pletnewski and her young daughter".

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