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George Brinkman Sentenced to Death for the Murders of 45-year-old Suzanne Taylor, and her two daughters, Taylor Pifer, 21, and Kylie Pifer, 18

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CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a three-judge panel sentenced George Brinkman Jr. to death for the murders of Suzanne Taylor, and her two daughters, Taylor Pifer and Kylie Pifer.

Brinkman, 46, had known Ms. Taylor since elementary school. On June 10, 2017, Brinkman held all three females captive inside Ms. Taylor's North Royalton home. He stabbed Suzanne Taylor in the head and slit her throat in front of her two daughters. He smothered the 21-year-old daughter (Taylor Pifer) with a pillow and then strangled the 18 year-old daughter (Kylie Pifer) with a phone cord.

The following day, Brinkman drove to Lake Township in Stark County, Ohio and killed husband and wife Rogell and Roberta John inside their home. Brinkman has been indicted in Stark County Court of Common Pleas for these aggravated murders.

North Royalton Police arrested Brinkman following a nine-hour standoff in Brunswick in the early morning hours of June 13, 2017.

"Brinkman is a mass murderer who should quickly be executed," stated Prosecutor O'Malley. "My thoughts and prayers are with the families of his five victims."

A Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Brinkman with 13 counts: six (6) counts of Aggravated Murder, with Felony Murder and Course of Conduct specifications, three (3) counts of Kidnapping, three (3) counts of Gross Abuse of a Corpse, and one (1) count of Aggravated Burglary.

The State presented 17 witnesses and evidence over several days to establish the guilt of Brinkman. The three judge panel, after hearing the evidence presented, then found that the State proved that Brinkman committed all three murders with prior calculation and design and that he was the principal offender. The panel then accepted Brinkman's guilty pleas. The lead investigating agency was North Royalton Police Department with assistance from the Federal

Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identifications (BCI). The Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office and Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Lab provided expert, forensic and technical analysis of the evidence.

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