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Press Release

State of Ohio vs. Erica Rowe, Seneca County Common Pleas Court Case #09CR0150

On Wednesday April 7, 2010 Erica Rowe was convicted of Complicity to Murder, Complicity to Aggravated Robbery, Complicity to Aggravated Burglary, and Complicity to Felonious Assault. The case was heard by Seneca County Common Pleas Court Judge Steve C. Shuff. Evidence was presented on April 5 and 6.

The charges stemmed from the November 2, 2008 home invasion of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rios. Mr. Rios died as a result of the injuries inflicted on him.

Sentencing is scheduled for Friday April 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Rowe faces a maximum possible sentence of 43 years to life in prison.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine represented the State of Ohio at trial. After the trial, he said that he was pleased with the guilty verdicts on all of the counts. "We knew we had a good case on paper. I was pleased that we were able to convey that evidence convincingly to the Judge".

The investigation in this matter was handled by the Seneca County Sheriff's Department, specifically, Detective Sergeant Kevin Reinbolt. The investigation into other persons involved in these crimes will continue.

The defendant was represented by Tiffin attorney Charles Hall and Fremont attorney Cynthia Doss.