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## **Parma Heights Man Sentenced to 32 Years for the Brutal Attack of Ex-Girlfriend and Her Mother**

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Joshua Harvey was sentenced to 32 years in prison for carrying out an attack on his ex-girlfriend and her mother with a knife.

On November 12, 2017, Harvey, 18, waited in his ex-girlfriend's backyard for 45-minutes until she arrived home from work. As she walked in the back door, he grabbed by the hair and dragged her into the basement. He then choked her to the point where she couldn't breathe.

Harvey was looking for his cell phone and realized he may have dropped it outside. She quickly locked the back door when he went outside to retrieve it.

She ran into a spare bedroom and called 911. He kicked in the back door, ran to the bedroom, and tried to break down the door.

The pounding woke up her 56-year-old mother. As soon as she came out of her bedroom to see what was happening, Harvey lunged at her and repeatedly punched her in the face. He stabbed her in the head, face, neck and arms with a knife he brought with him.

After the attack, he kicked in the bedroom door and began stabbing his ex-girlfriend in the face, neck and chest. They were both critically injured, requiring emergency surgery and suffered permanent nerve damage.

"This could have easily been a double homicide, but the quick action by the Parma Police and paramedics helped save their lives," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "He now has 32 long years to think about the consequences of his actions."

On February 12, Harvey pled guilty to Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted Murder, Kidnapping, Felonious Assault, and Aggravated Burglary.

Harvey is not eligible for early release.

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