

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Jury convicts rapist on Friday afternoon

(October 4, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that James Myers, 44, of Mogadore, was found guilty by a jury on Friday, October 1, of three counts of Rape, Aggravated Burglary, and Kidnapping, all felonies of the first degree with Firearm Specifications; Corrupting another with Drugs, a felony of the second degree; Having a Weapon Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; Menacing by Stalking, a felony of the fourth degree; and Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence, a Misdemeanor.

The trial to determine whether Myers is a Sexually Violence Predator is scheduled for October 18, 2010 to the same jury in Judge Judith Hunter's court.

On July 2, 2010 Myers followed a female victim, 45, of Akron, home from a bar without her knowledge. Myers broke into her home and when the victim pointed her gun at him, he overpowered and raped her. The victim did not know Myers.

Myers stalked the victim in the days after, including being charged with a DUI on July 3, 100 yards from the victim's home. He was arrested on the rape charges on July 8, 2010.