

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Two men convicted of Domestic Violence

(Akron, April 8, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today two cases of juries finding defendants guilty of Domestic Violence.

Merrick Slevin, 38, of Akron, was found guilty today by a jury of two counts of Domestic Violence, one count is a felony of the fourth degree and the other is a felony of the fifth degree because the victim was pregnant; he was also found guilty of Violating a Protection Order, a misdemeanor.

Slevin will be sentenced on April 22, 2011 by Judge Alison McCarty. Slevin was taken into custody immediately after the jury's verdict because prison is mandatory when the conviction is for domestic violence on a pregnant woman.

On December 15, 2010, Slevin beat up his girlfriend after he learned that she was going to leave him. Slevin tried to stop her by punching and strangling her and by putting a knife to her throat and threatening to kill her.

On April 5, 2011, **Tim Kuhar**, 47, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury of two counts of Domestic Violence, a felony of the third degree and a misdemeanor, and Violating a Protection Order, a misdemeanor. This is Kuhar's fourth conviction for Domestic Violence against this victim.

Kuhar will be sentenced on April 21, 2011 by Judge Alison McCarty.

On January 2, 2011, Kuhar and his girlfriend argued over drugs. Kuhar wanted her medications and his girlfriend said no; so he picked her up by the neck and threw her across the room. He also spit on her, slapped her, and threatened to kill her.