

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Guilty of Manufacturing Methamphetamine Charges

(April 1, 2010 Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Lester Lane, 44, of Stull Ave. in Akron, was found guilty by a jury of Illegal Manufacture of Methamphetamine, a second degree felony, Illegal Assembly of Chemicals for the Manufacture of Methamphetamine, a third degree felony, Possessing Criminal Tools, a fifth degree felony, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a fourth degree misdemeanor.

On August 28, 2009, Summit County Children Services Board went to 86 Stull Ave. to see if the residence was an appropriate placement for foster children. The owner of the home is 70-year-old Roma Lane, and her 44-year-old son, Lester Lane. The CSB worker noticed a strong odor in the home that made her sick. Lane then asked her, "So have you ever been in a methamphetamine lab before" and lead her down into the basement where the smell was stronger. CSB contacted Akron police who went to the home on September 1, with consent from Roma Lane to search the house. Items used for making methamphetamine were found in the basement.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 3, 2010 before Judge Paul Gallagher.