

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Men plead guilty in 14-year old dancer case

(January 21, 2010 Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Christopher Wier, 34, of Ravenna, pled guilty to Child Endangering, a felony of the fourth degree, for hiring a 14-year-old girl to be a dancer in a strip club.

Wier was sentenced by Judge Elinore Stormer to 10 months in prison, suspended, for one year community control.

On April 24, 2009, during an Akron Police drug raid of the Playhouse it was discovered that the manager, Wier, hired a 14-year-old girl to be a dancer. The girl had given Wier a fake identification. Wier hired the girl on the spot and she started dancing that very night.

The owner of the night club, Robert Mitchell, 34, also of Ravenna, pled guilty to Obstructing Justice, a felony of the fifth degree. Mitchell was sentenced to 10 months in prison suspended for two years of community control. While Mitchell is on community control he is not allowed to be involved in any kind of sexually oriented businesses, including a strip club.