

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Case of retaliation against city prosecutor and police closes with last defendant**

(Akron, May 31, 2011) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Nicholas Castagnola, 24, of Twinsburg, was found guilty by a jury of two counts of Retaliation, a felony of the second degree, Vandalism, a felony of the fifth degree, Criminal Damaging, Criminal Trespass, and Possession of Criminal Tools, misdemeanors.

Castagnola will be sentenced by Judge Thomas Parker on July 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. He faces a maximum of 12 years in prison and was taken into custody.

In June of 2010, Castagnola retaliated against a Twinsburg City Prosecutor after being prosecuted for the sale of alcohol to an underage person. In a second incident, he assisted friends with retaliating against the Reminderville Police Department after one of the friends was given a speeding ticket. Both incidences involved damaging vehicles.

Zachary Downor, 18, of Twinsburg pled guilty on January 4, 2011 to Intimidation of a Crime Victim or Witness and to Criminal Damaging, both misdemeanors. Ahsan Hussein, 22, of Twinsburg, was found guilty on February 10, 2011 by a jury of felony Retaliation, and two misdemeanors of Vandalism and Criminal Damaging. Nicholas Behr, 19, of Twinsburg, pled guilty to Attempted Retaliation and Vandalism, both felonies. All were given community control.

Today Eric Strohmeier, 23, of Twinsburg, pled guilty to Intimidation of a Crime Victim or Witness and to Criminal Damaging, both misdemeanors. He was sentenced to 150 days in jail, all of which was suspended except 30 days.