

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Plea on one of Summit County's Worst Child Porn Cases

(Akron, September 2, 2010) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Stephennie Murphy, 32, of Akron, pled guilty late yesterday afternoon to two counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree, and two counts of Endangering Children, felonies of the second degree.

Murphy was sentenced by Judge Mary Rowlands to 50 years to life in prison.

Murphy's plea reflects her involvement in the ongoing sexual abuse of four children under the age of 13. Murphy's co-defendant and companion, James Winland, 37, pled guilty on May 5, 2010, and was sentenced to 50 years to life. Winland also possessed a large amount of child pornography.