

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Woman Pleads Guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter

(Akron, August 6, 2010) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Taishi Varner, 27, of Auaaten Drive in Akron, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter, a felony of the first degree.

Varner will be sentenced by Judge Paul Gallagher on August 31, 2010 and is facing a maximum of ten years in prison.

On March 7, 2010 at approximately 11:50 a.m., the victim stopped by Varner's home unexpectedly to visit his baby son. During the visit, Varner stabbed victim, her husband, one time in the chest causing his death. When police arrived, Varner told them they were arguing about the victim cheating on her and the victim initiated the physical confrontation. Victim and Varner had not lived together for almost a year.