

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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10 Years in Prison for Robbing Elderly Akron Residents

(June 18, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Daniel Roy Spiegel, 41, of Coventry Street in Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Burglary, felonies of the first degree, and two counts of Robbery, felonies of the second degree.

On February 25, Spiegel knocked on the door of a 92-year-old woman for whom he occasionally did odd jobs. Spiegel demanded money he felt was owed from a previous job. The woman refused to give Spiegel money and told him to leave. Spiegel forced his way into the house and took money from the woman's wallet, then left. The woman, who was not injured, immediately called police. They arrested Spiegel that day.

While the case was pending, Akron police linked Spiegel to a similar incident from the previous summer. A 97-year-old man called police in August when he noticed that his back door was kicked in and his wallet was missing. Police swabbed the man's jacket where his wallet had been to try to find the thief's DNA. That DNA was matched to Spiegel when he was arrested for the February robbery. The male victim then identified Spiegel as the neighborhood handyman.

Judge Amy Corrigan Jones immediately sentenced Spiegel to 10 years in prison.