

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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10 Years in Prison for Tallmadge Man Guilty of 19th DUI

(May 9, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced George T. Greer, 48, of Bryant Road in Tallmadge, to 10 years in prison for his 19th DUI. That is the maximum prison sentence that could have been imposed for this case.

On January 2, a passerby called 911 after he spotted Greer passed out in the driver's seat of a car that had crashed into a pole. While on the phone with 911, the passerby woke Greer and tried to shut off the car, which was still in gear. Greer drove away, but the passerby saw Greer pull into a nearby church parking lot and get out of the car. Greer refused to participate in any field tests or use a breathalyzer when police arrived at the scene. A forced blood draw showed Greer's blood alcohol content to be .215.

On April 5, a jury found Greer guilty of two counts of Operating Under the Influence, a felony of the third degree, with specifications for having five DUIs in 20 years. One count is for impaired driving with a prior felony, while the second is for having a blood alcohol content of .215. The jury also found Greer guilty of Driving Under Suspension, a misdemeanor of the first degree, and Failure to Control and Possession of Marijuana, both minor misdemeanors.

Note to editors: a copy of the 911 call is available upon request.