MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Man Guilty of Drug, Gun Charges After Withdrawing Plea

(May 13, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Jeremiah N. Rowe, 31, of Maxen Drive in Akron, guilty of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the first degree, and two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability, felonies of the third degree.

On February 11, 2013, Akron police executed a search warrant at Rowe's home. They found 56 grams of heroin and .380 caliber handgun. Rowe was not allowed to have any guns because of prior drug convictions and a prior violent felony conviction. He was also a fugitive from justice from a November 2012 shooting at Premier Auto Sales on South Arlington Road.

Last August Rowe pleaded guilty to Trafficking in Heroin, a felony of the third degree; Attempted Improper Discharge of a Firearm, a felony of the third degree, with a firearm specification; and two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability, felonies of the third degree. He was sentenced to five years and nine months in prison. He was recently allowed to withdraw his guilty plea and take his case to trial.

Judge Alison McCarty will sentence Rowe on May 21 at 8:45 a.m.

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