

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Man Pleads to Murder in Death of Ex-Girlfriend

(September 17, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that John Pritchard, 53, of Patterson Avenue in Akron, pleaded guilty to Murder with a gun specification; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree.

On October 9, 2011, Pritchard shot his ex-girlfriend four times after a housing dispute. He then took her car and fled to New Mexico.

Judge Paul Gallagher will sentence Pritchard October 12.