

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide Involving 48-year-old Man Riding his Bike

(July 9, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Charles Wilson, 37, of Kenmore Blvd. in Akron, pled guilty to **Aggravated Vehicular Homicide**, a 2nd degree felony, **Driving Under the Influence**, a 1st degree misdemeanor, **Reckless Operation**, a minor misdemeanor, and **Hit Skip**, a 3rd degree felony.

On October 9, 2009, Wilson spent the evening drinking, at home and at a neighborhood bar. Later, he borrowed a friend's pickup truck without permission. At 9:44 p.m., while driving over the speed limit, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Bellows St. and Miller Ave. He missed the turn and crashed, hitting 48-year-old Lawrence Yielding who was riding his bicycle. Wilson got out of the disabled truck and saw Yielding on the ground in critical condition. He fled on foot and was caught later hiding from police behind a friend's house. Wilson's DNA matched blood found in the pickup truck. He also refused a BAC and field sobriety tests.

Judge Thomas Parker will sentence Wilson on March 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Wilson could receive up to eight years in prison.