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Akron Woman Pleads Guilty to Causing Crash Which Injured Akron Police Officer

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, February 21, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Corrie Mae Sharpe, 66, of West Exchange Street in Akron, pled guilty to driving under the influence and causing a crash which injured an Akron Police officer.

Sharpe pled guilty to the following charges:

- Vehicular Assault – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence – a Misdemeanor of the 1st degree

At around 11:30pm on May 11, 2019, Akron Police Officer Jason McKeel was on duty, riding his department motorcycle south on South Portage Path in Akron. Officer McKeel had his emergency lights on and was attempting to pull over a vehicle. Corrie Mae Sharpe was driving a minivan east on Bloomfield Avenue and attempted to turn north onto South Portage Path when she crossed in front of Officer McKeel's motorcycle. Officer McKeel collided with the driver's side of Sharpe's minivan. At the time, Sharpe was legally drunk, with a blood alcohol content of .125 percent.

Officer McKeel was pinned under the front of the minivan and suffered serious injuries, including broken bones in his hand, leg, ribs, and back.

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Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kathryn Michael is scheduled to sentence Sharpe on March 26, 2020 at 9am.

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