## MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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## **Davis Found Guilty of Domestic Violence**

(August 23, 2011... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Richard E. Davis, Jr., 39, of Lakemore was found guilty of two counts of Domestic Violence, one a third-degree felony and the other a first-degree misdemeanor, by Judge James Murphy. Davis also pled guilty to Improper Registration, Operating Without a Valid License, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On May 1, 2011, Davis assaulted his live-in girlfriend and then drove away on a motorcycle when she ran to a neighbor's house to call police. Police attempted to apprehend Davis, but he continued to drive for two miles. When Davis finally stopped, the officer discovered that not only did Davis not have a driver's license or license plates on his motorcycle, but he also had marijuana and a pipe in his pockets.

Judge Murphy sentenced Davis to three years of community control with a suspended three-year prison sentence. He also suspended Davis' license for six months and ordered him to pay a \$150 fine in addition to all court and prosecution costs.