

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Man found guilty of Agg. Vehicular Homicide after drunk fight became lethal**

(June 24, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that Denny Flinders, 24, of Barberton, was found guilty by a jury today of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, a felony of the second degree, Failure to Stop after an Accident, a felony of the fifth degree, and two counts of Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated, both misdemeanors.

Flinders will be sentenced by Judge Paul Gallagher on August 2, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

In the early morning hours of March 13, 2010, Flinders, along with his step brother, got into a mutual fist fight with the victim, 18-year old Eddie Hale. The fight occurred inside an apartment on Pasadena Place in the Van Buren Homes in Barberton. Shortly after the first fight, a second fight between the same parties occurred outside of the apartment. Flinders got into his sister's car and drove striking the victim with the vehicle. The victim was thrown onto the hood of the car when Flinders, driving approximately 30 miles per hour, hit the breaks throwing the victim from the hood of the car.

The Defendant was apprehended a few minutes later by the Barberton Police still driving the vehicle. At the time of his arrest, the Defendant's blood alcohol content was 0.169, over twice the legal limit. The victim was pronounced dead the following day at Akron General Medical Center.