

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Eight Years in Prison for Akron Man with Guns, Cocaine

(May 8, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Amy Corrigall Jones sentenced McCoy Rice, 58, of Bye Street in Akron, to eight years in prison.

On July 25, Akron police officers attempted to stop Rice's car for a driving infraction. Rice refused to stop, running several stop signs and driving the wrong way on a one-way street in the process. He crashed into a wall trying to turn left at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and Russell Avenue. Officers found Rice unconscious in the driver's seat. He was wearing a bulletproof vest and had cocaine in his pocket. A loaded .45 caliber handgun with the serial number scratched off was in a backpack on the front passenger seat.

On September 24, while out on bond, Rice was again pulled over by Akron police officers. Police found in his car loaded guns, a Mack -11 semi-automatic handgun with a 30-round clip, a semi-automatic rifle with two 30-round clips of ammunition for an AK-47, cocaine, binoculars and three wigs.

On May 2, a jury found Rice guilty of Failure to Comply, a felony of the third degree; Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a felony of the fourth degree; two counts of Possession of Cocaine, felonies of the fifth degree; Forgery, a felony of the fifth degree; two counts of Driving Under Suspension, misdemeanors of the first degree; and Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree;. The court also found Rice guilty of Possession of Marijuana, a minor misdemeanor.