

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Five Years in Prison for Akron Man Driving Drunk at Lunchtime

(June 5, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that yesterday Judge Judy Hunter sentenced Richard Michael Cabell, 56, of Saint Ledger Street in Akron, to five years in prison for driving drunk on February 19. Cabell was also fined \$1,350 and given a 10-year driver's license suspension.

An Ohio State Highway Patrol trooper stopped Cabell for speeding shortly before noon on February 19. The officer smelled alcohol and conducted a field sobriety test, which Cabell failed. Cabell agreed to a breath test, which determined his blood alcohol content to be 0.133 – nearly twice the legal limit. Cabell was driving on a suspended license, having only been released from prison three months earlier on an OVI conviction.

Cabell pleaded guilty to Operating Under the Influence, a felony of the third degree, and a specification for five or more OVI convictions within 20 years. This is Cabell's ninth OVI conviction, three of which are felonies.