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Four Defendants Sentenced in Akron Bath Salts Case

(October 8, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that Judge Judy Hunter sentenced the following defendants in a bath salts case:

- Danielle L. Hileman, 37, of East Avenue in Tallmadge: Two years in prison and a three-year driver's license suspension.
- Daniel I. Dearment, 34, of West Sterling Road in Burbank, OH: 18 months community control and a six-month driver's license suspension.
- Harry E. Jackson, 65, of State Road in Wadsworth: Four years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.
- Eugene B. Hoover, 65, of East Exchange Street in Akron: 30 months of community control, a six-month license suspension and may no longer work for Jackson at the Odd Corner or any other of Jackson's businesses.

In March 2012, after receiving complaints about drug trafficking out of the Odd Corner Convenience Store on East Exchange Street, officers from the University of Akron Police Department and Akron Police Department made a controlled drug buy from the store. While waiting in line, the man and woman ahead of the detective purchased a package of bath salts. Thereafter, the detective also purchased a package of bath salts.

On March 23, 2012, UAPD and APD observed a customer, Dearment, leaving the store. They stopped him and found that he had purchased bath salts from the store. The officers executed a search warrant at the store, where they found packages of bath salts and documents showing the sales and purchases of the drug.

On September 10, a jury found the defendants guilty of all indicted charges:

- Hileman:
 - Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the second degree
 - Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the second degree
 - Two counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, felonies of the fourth degree
- Dearment:
 - Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree
- Jackson:
 - Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the second degree
 - Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the second degree
 - Complicity to Commit Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a felony of the fourth degree
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- Hoover:
 - Two counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, felonies of the fourth degree