

## MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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### **Man Pleads Guilty in Major Heroin Trafficking Business**

(Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that John Kormendy, 55, of Akron pled guilty to **Trafficking Heroin**, a felony of the second degree, one count of **Having Weapons While Under Disability**, a felony of the third degree, **Failure to Comply With Order or Signal of a Police Officer**, a felony of the third degree, and **Resisting Arrest**, a misdemeanor of the second degree. Sentencing is scheduled for June 17, 2009 by Judge Rowlands.

In June of 2008, Akron police chased Kormendy through numerous stop signs and red lights when he refused to stop for a routine traffic stop. During the chase, Kormendy narrowly missed striking one of the officer's cars. On June 3, 2008, Akron Police Narcotics Officers executed a search warrant to Kormendy's home where they found 42 bindles of heroin as well as a gun. During the course of the investigation, officers discovered Kormendy utilized a storage unit containing goods obtained in the trafficking of heroin, including computer equipment, photo/video equipment, gift cards, jewelry, silver bars, and cash. They also discovered 399 additional bindles of heroin in the storage unit.

As part of Kormendy's plea, he must forfeit all of the items seized in the trafficking business, including a 1998 Ford Expedition and a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria.