

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Convicted in the Manufacture of Methamphetamine

(April 15, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Todd Frashuer, 37, in Akron, guilty last evening of manufacturing methamphetamine, a felony in the first degree, two counts of third-degree felony child endangering, two counts of fourth-degree felony child endangering, aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree and possession of chemicals, a felony of the fifth degree.

The jury began deliberations at 4:30 and returned a verdict at 6:30 PM last night. Sentencing is set for April 16, 2009 at 3 p.m. He faces a minimum of at least four years and maximum of up to 32 years.

The charges stemmed from a December 10, 2008 arrest where Summit County Drug Unit Detectives went to Frashuer's home after complaints of suspicions of a methamphetamine lab. Officers found the defendant in the basement of his home where they saw several items related to the making of meth. They also smelled chemicals associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine. After searching the home, officers discovered meth, along with numerous chemicals and components used in the manufacture of meth. Two children, ages 5 and 10, were in the house at the time, along with his girlfriend, Donneall Cate, 31. Cate pled guilty last week to Assembly of Chemicals and Child Endangering – both third degree felonies. She will be sentenced at a later date.

Frashuer had a prior felony warrant for Criminal Non-Support. The court is slated to address this charge on Thursday.