

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Jury finds man guilty of assault on ex-girlfriend

(February 5, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that Sherman Kyle, 31, of Snowfall Spur in Akron, OH, was found guilty today, by a jury, of one count of Felonious Assault, a second degree felony, with Firearm Specification, one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability, a third degree felony, one count of Aggravated Trespass, a first degree misdemeanor, one count of Aggravated Menacing, a first degree misdemeanor, one count of Failure to Comply with a Police Officer, a first degree misdemeanor, and one count of Criminal Damaging, a second degree misdemeanor.

A Repeat Violent Offender hearing and sentencing will be held on February 9, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. before Judge Gippin. Kyle faces a maximum of 16 years for the crimes and up to an additional 10 years if found by the Judge to be a Repeat Violent Offender.

Kyle and victim worked together and were dating. After an argument at work, the victim broke up with Kyle. That night she had a party and Kyle went to her house. He busted his way into the house and started beating the victim. Others in the house jumped in and tried to stop him. Kyle went to his car, pulled a sawed-off shot gun out of the trunk, went back inside and started beating the victim with the gun. The victim got out of the house and ran down the street to a neighbor and called 911. Kyle chased the victim out of the house and down the street. Kyle left the scene in his car but returned two hours later. The police saw him and tried to pull him over, but he wouldn't stop. There was a slow-speed chase while he talked on the phone to his mom and 911.