

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty by jury of Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana

(February 11, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Wendell Mitchell, 53, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury of Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana, a felony of the second degree, Illegal Possession of Marijuana, a felony of the third degree, four counts of Having Weapons Under Disability, felonies of the third degree, and Possession of Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree.

Judge Paul Gallagher will sentence Mitchell on March 9 at 9:00 a.m.

On August 29, 2007, Akron's SNUD Unit received a tip that there was a marijuana farm at the Defendant's Burckhardt Avenue address. Officers went to investigate and saw over 10 foot marijuana plants growing in back of the house. They also saw surveillance cameras focused on the plants. The detectives knocked on the front door and got no answer. They left to obtain a search warrant. Upon returning to the home with the search warrant, they searched the residence and found the evidence.