

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty of Domestic Violence after three day trial

(Akron...January 26 2009) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Joshua Long, 38, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury Friday evening, January 23, 2009, of Domestic Violence, a felony of the third degree.

Long will be sentenced on February 25, 2009 by Judge Lynne Callahan and has a history of Domestic Violence. He had been convicted of Domestic Violence on the same victim, his former live-in girlfriend in February, 2008, in Akron Municipal Court. In 2002, he pled guilty to Aggravated Assault against a different live-in girlfriend and served six months in prison for that offense.

On September 9, 2008, Long argued with his live-in girlfriend over money. In that incident he also spat on her. Police responded to their residence on Staeger Street in Akron around 4 a.m. and advised the parties. Later that morning, the argument continued and Defendant packed up his girlfriend's belongings and drove her in his truck from the residence. He then assaulted her in the truck and forced her out of the vehicle and fled. She sustained visible injuries during the exchange, including a black eye.