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## PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES PRISON TERM OF AT LEAST 4 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS FOR METH TRAFFICKER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Sage Rice, 33, was sentenced to four years and nine months to six years and six months in prison for meth trafficking and fleeing from police.

## "Drug trafficking devastates families and our communities. We will continue to hold offenders like Rice accountable and work to keep dangerous drugs off our streets," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

Rice pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Felony; and
- Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony

Last year, Rice refused to pull over for a traffic stop and was chased by police for 7 minutes. He ran a stop light and crashed, then attempted to flee on foot. Before running, Rice put two plastic bags containing 225.51 grams of meth under the car. Rice is the 25<sup>th</sup> offender sentenced to prison for a first-degree felony drug conviction in the past year.

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