

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man impersonating police officer pleads guilty

(February 20, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Ryan Worlow, 21, of Stow, pled guilty today to three counts of Impersonating a Peace Officer, felonies of the fourth degree, two counts of Illegal Possession of a Deadly Weapon in a School Zone, felonies of the fifth degree, and two counts of Criminal Trespassing, misdemeanors.

Judge Paul Gallagher will sentence Worlow on March 30, at 10:00 a.m. Prosecutors are requesting prison.

During the month of August 2008, Worlow went to three different Summit County schools, all of which he previously attended as a student, his dentist's office and a local McDonalds dressed as a deputy, with a badge and carrying a gun. He went into classrooms and spoke to teachers and students, claiming to be doing "safety checks." He would tell the students that they "better be good."

At the time, Worlow was in a police academy in a different county, which stressed at the beginning of the training the importance of not wearing your uniform until officially becoming a deputy. He is no longer enrolled.