

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Mother pleads guilty to hitting her daughter with car**

(January 12, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Damicka Higgins, 34, of Akron, pled guilty to two counts of Felonious Assault, felonies of the second degree, and Obstructing Official Business, a felony of the fifth degree.

Higgins will be sentenced by Judge Judith Hunter on February 9, 2010, and faces up to 17 years in prison.

On September 24, 2009, Higgins was driving with a friend and one of the juvenile victims when she saw her estranged 19 year-old daughter on the corner of Copley and Storer Roads. She pulled into the parking lot of the Family Dollar to confront her daughter and the two began fighting. The juvenile passenger got out of the car in an attempt to break up the fight.

Higgins got back into her car, circled around and struck her daughter and the two juvenile victims with the car. Higgins sped off but came back to the scene, where she was identified by witnesses to police. One of the responding officers tried to stop the defendant from leaving by reaching into her car to turn off the motor, but she drove off and dragged the officer a short distance before she crashed into a police car that was blocking her in.

The officers received minor injuries, however the three civilian victims required hospitalization. All have since recovered.