

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Who Assaulted his Girlfriend over a Sandwich Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison

(June 21, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Cleottis Gilcreast, 52, of Akron, was sentenced to eight years in prison for crimes against his girlfriend. He received four years for violating parole from a previous domestic violence case and four years for this assault, to run consecutively.

On May 19, 2010, Cleottis Gilcreast was found guilty by a jury of Domestic Violence, a third degree felony, and Domestic Violence-Menacing, a first degree misdemeanor.

On May 5, 2009, Gilcreast was mad at his live-in girlfriend because she would not make him a sandwich. He pushed the victim onto the bed and held her down. When he let her go, she started packing a bag to leave with her sister and brother-in-law, who were present and witnessed the incident. Gilcreast then picked up a knife to threaten the victim. The brother-in-law convinced him to put it down. When the victim went back into the house after putting a bag in her sister's van, Gilcreast slammed her to the floor face first. The victim's sister called the police. When police arrived, they found the victim lying on the floor with her face bloody. Police stopped Gilcreast as he was walking from the apartment and arrested him.

At the time of this incident, Gilcreast was on probation for a July 31, 2008 Domestic Violence conviction against this same victim.