

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man who ran into University of Akron crowd and kills girl sentenced

(Akron, June 20, 2011) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jeffrey Piorkowski, 18, of North Royalton, was sentenced to 15 years in prison by Judge Paul Gallagher for Involuntary Manslaughter, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, Felonious Assault of a Police Officer, Felonious Assault, Failure to Comply, and OVI.

Piorkowski pled guilty to the charges on June 6, 2011.

On August 21, 2010, at 2:00 a.m., Piorkowski, a 17-year-old high school student from North Royalton, fled from police while arguing with his girlfriend and driving with no headlights. Piorkowski drove his car at a high rate of speed into an area where numerous police officers and civilians were standing following the break-up of a University of Akron party. He hit Amanda Rosepapa, 22, of Bellaire, OH, who was on campus visiting friends. Rosepapa died from the impact.

Piorkowski's blood-alcohol level was .127, more than the legal limit. He never attempted to stop or avoid the group of people. Rosepapa was the only person hit by Piorkowski's car and the only person injured. Evidence indicated Piorkowski was driving in a road rage and threatening to hurt himself and his girlfriend.