

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Woman who ran over neighbor for use of phone found guilty

(Akron, May 27, 2011) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Temperance Wright, 26, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury at 9:00 p.m. last night of two counts of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree, Vehicular Assault, a felony of the fourth degree, Obstructing Official Business, a felony of the fifth degree, and Unlawful Restraint, a misdemeanor.

Wright will be sentenced by Judge Tammy O'Brien on June 16. Wright was found not guilty of Kidnapping charges.

On May 26, 2010, Wright's boyfriend went next door to the victim's house and asked to use her phone. Wright and her boyfriend had been arguing. The victim was outside of her house with her three-year-old daughter. It was about 11:45 pm. The victim told Wright's boyfriend that he could not use the phone. Wright had previously told the neighbor/victim not to let the boyfriend use her phone.

Wright at that time pulled out of her drive way at a fast rate of speed and flew up the victim's driveway, slamming into the victim and pinning her leg against a front porch. The victim's child was thrown against the porch. Wright then pulled out and backed into her driveway, where she argued with her boyfriend before finally calling 911.

The victim's leg was almost completely severed and has since required seven surgeries. Wright denied hitting the victim until the police found blood and flesh on her truck. The victim's daughter was taken by Wright to her house and was later found by her grandmother. She was taken to Children's Hospital for a check, but did not sustain any physical injuries.