

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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11 Years in Prison for Woman Who Attacked Emergency Room Worker, Sleeping Couple

(June 26, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Teri R. Garko, 37, of West Market Street in Akron, pleaded guilty to Attempted Murder, a felony of the first degree; Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree; and Assault of an Emergency Medical Worker, a felony of the fourth degree. As part of the agreement, Garko will spend 11 years in prison.

In April 2011, Garko sought emergency medical treatment at Akron General Medical Center. Upset at what she felt was a long delay in being examined and treated, Garko attacked the psychiatric technician who was assigned to check Garko's vital signs. Garko punched and kneed the female victim numerous times in the face, chest and spine. She also slammed the woman's head into the floor and ripped a patch of hair and scalp from the woman.

While out on bond for the hospital attack, Garko broke into the home of her ex-boyfriend and stabbed her ex-boyfriend and his female friend as they slept. Both victims survived the attack.