

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Murdering Ex-Girlfriend

(October 12, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Paul Gallagher sentenced John Pritchard, 53, of Patterson Avenue in Akron, to life in prison for the murder of Pritchard's ex-girlfriend. Pritchard will be eligible for parole after serving 18 years in prison.

On October 9, 2011, Pritchard shot his ex-girlfriend four times after a dispute. He then took her car and fled to New Mexico.

Pritchard pleaded guilty to Murder with a gun specification; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree, on September 17.