

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Final Defendant Sentenced in Death of Patrick Lerch

(October 23, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Thomas Parker sentenced Randy Legg, 20, of St. Leger Avenue in Akron, to seven years in prison for the death of 17-month-old Patrick Lerch. Randy pleaded guilty on September 21 to Involuntary Manslaughter and Illegal Possession of Chemicals to Manufacture Drugs. His three co-defendants were sentenced on September 25.

Patrick died February 26 after ingesting large amounts of methamphetamine. Heather Lerch, 21, of St. Leger Avenue in Akron, and her son Patrick moved into Randy's home on St. Leger Avenue just days before Patrick died. Patrick was kept in the home's rat-infested basement in the care of Randy's brother Ronald Legg, 22, of Akron, and Allen Kostra, 25, of Akron, who were cooking and high on meth throughout Patrick's last days.

Kostra pleaded guilty on August 16 to Involuntary Manslaughter, Child Endangering and Illegal Manufacture of Drugs and was sentenced to nine years in prison. A jury found Heather guilty of Murder, Involuntary Manslaughter and Child Endangering on August 27. She was sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility after 22 years. On September 21, Ronald Legg pleaded guilty to Murder, Child Endangering and Illegal Manufacturing of Drugs and was sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility after 27 years.