

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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27 Years in Prison for Man Who Shot at SWAT Officers

(September 24, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Thomas Parker sentenced James G. Maffei, 52, of Dollar Drive in Akron, to 27 years in prison.

On December 10, Maffei got into an argument with and threatened a male visitor in his home. Maffei then shot at the man's feet. When the man ran out of the front door, Maffei shot at him again.

A woman who was at Maffei's home at the time of the shooting reported the incident to the Summit County Sheriff's Office a few days later. The Sheriff's SWAT team entered Maffei's house on December 13 to arrest him. As the officers went up the stairs to Maffei's bedroom, Maffei fired a shot at them. A girl hiding under Maffei's bed confirmed the details of the original shooting and gave the officers information tying Maffei to numerous meth labs.

On September 24, a jury found Maffei guilty of Felonious Assault against a Peace Officer, a felony of the first degree, with a gun specification; Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree, with a gun specification; Illegal Assembly, a felony of the third degree; Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; and Possession of Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree.