

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Man Guilty of Shooting at SWAT Officers

(September 24, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found James G. Maffei, 52, of Dollar Drive in Akron, 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
- Possession of Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree

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 gun 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.

Judge Tom Parker will sentence Maffei at 1:30 p.m. on September 26. Maffei faces 10 to 38 years in prison.