

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Woman found guilty of obtaining drugs illegally**

(Akron, August 18, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Cecilia Hartney, 62, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury of five counts of Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, a felony of the third degree.

Hartney will be sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh on September 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Between August and December of 2007, Hartney was “doctor-shopping” between two different doctors to obtain prescription drugs Hydrocodone (Vicodin) and Roxycodone (Oxycodone). During a random drug test, one of the doctors discovered Vicodin in her system, which he was not prescribing, and reported it to the Cuyahoga Falls Police. The doctor also terminated her from his patient list. During the times she was getting the prescriptions, she was also going to different pharmacies, paying cash for one drug and insurance paying for the other.