

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man sentenced to four years for assaulting grandfather, veteran

(August 12, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Raymond White, 22, of Grafton, Ohio, was sentenced to four years today by Judge Brenda Unruh after pleading guilty to Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree.

On February 28, 2009, the victim, David Uehlein, 57, of Cuyahoga Falls, was headed to Columbus to pick up Girl Scout cookies for his granddaughter's Girl Scout troop. He stopped at a restaurant he frequents at about 11:30 a.m located on State Road. Uehlein was known at the restaurant as "Doc" because he has been a pediatric nurse for almost 33 years and a military reservist for 20 years, including a tour in Iraq.

Mr. Uehlein, was being seated when he noticed a few friends in the back of the restaurant. As he went to greet his friends, White and five of his friends were seated at a table towards the back of the restaurant. Mr. Uehlein stated that as he was walking past their table, White stood up and told him, "You really scare me." The victim took a few steps away then turned around and said to White, "You are actually scaring me." Mr. Uehlein headed back to talk to his friends and when he was done took the long way back to his booth so as not to go past the defendant's table again.

White, however, met the victim as he walked back to his table and brutally assaulted Mr. Uehlein causing multiple fractures to his nose and two broken teeth. The victim never had the opportunity to defend himself.