

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

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### **Man sentenced to eight years for Failing to Register Address As Sex Offender**

(December 11, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Clifford Godfrey, 41, of Akron, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon in a bench trial by Judge Lynne Callahan of Failure to Register, and Failure to Register Change of Address, both felonies of the third degree.

Judge Callahan sentenced Godfrey to three years in prison for Failing to Register and five years for Notice of Change of Address, for a total of eight years to run consecutive.

Godfrey was released from prison on May 14, 2009. He registered an address where he would be living in Summit County upon his release. Godfrey had a duty to register his address as a sex offender with the Sheriff's office due to a 1999 conviction for Corruption of a Minor. When he failed to do so, a warning letter was sent via certified mail to the address given at the prison. The letter was returned to the sender by the post office because Godfrey did not reside there.

A warrant was issued and Godfrey was arrested and sent to Oriana House. He registered his address as Oriana and then went AWOL from Oriana. He again was arrested on a warrant and was charged for not registering a change of address after leaving Oriana.