

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Guilty verdict for father who stabbed son

(July 21, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Gregory Tolbert, Sr., of Akron, was found guilty by a jury after one hour of deliberation of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree, and Domestic Violence, a felony of the third degree. Tolbert was sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh to three years for the Felonious Assault and one year for Domestic Violence to run concurrently.

On April 24, 2009, at approximately 8:00 p.m. Tolbert and his son, Gregory Tolbert, Jr., 32, also of Akron, got into a verbal altercation at a mutual friend's house that ended as a fist fight. Tolbert, Sr., entered the house to wipe off blood from a cut he received during the fight and came out carrying a knife. He then cut his son on the neck and stabbed him in the stomach. The victim left the residence and called the police and EMS. The victim was transported to Akron City Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery to repair the damage to his stomach.