

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced to Five Years for Sexting, Unlawful Sex with a Minor

(July 1, 2009 Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that John Russell, 35, of Barberton was sentenced by Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands to five years in prison for three counts of **Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor**, a felony of the third degree, and one count of **Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles**, a felony of the fifth degree. He was immediately taken into custody.

Russell was found guilty by a jury on May 6, 2009 of engaging in a continuous sexual relationship with a teenage female victim from June until November, 2008. He was also found guilty of Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles because he sent a photo of his penis to the victim's cell phone.