

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

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### **Meth Manufacturer found guilty**

(March 5, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Myron Banks, 34, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury of Illegal Assembly of Chemicals for Manufacture of Drugs and Tampering with Evidence, felonies of the third degree.

Banks will be sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh on March 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

On October 4, 2008 defendant was a passenger in a car driven by co-defendant Carissa Cole. The other passenger in the car was Grant Givens. The car was stopped for having a loud exhaust. Banks had a misdemeanor warrant and upon being arrested, deputies observed something in his mouth. Banks spit it out and they observed the receipts were for numerous chemicals and components to manufacture methamphetamine. A search of the vehicle revealed chemicals such as heat, pseudoephedrine, peroxide and alcohol, all of which are used to manufacture meth. The co-defendants, Cole and Givens both stated they were getting these items so that Banks could cook methamphetamine. Cole and Givens both pled guilty; Givens was sentenced to two years. Cole was sentenced today and received probation.