

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Given Nine Years in Prison on Drug Charges

(November 10, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Michael Hendricks, 43, of Akron, was sentenced to nine years in prison on drug charges.

On October 2, 2009, Hendricks was found guilty by a jury of Illegal Assembly of Chemicals, a felony of the second degree, Possession of Criminal Tools, a felony of the fifth degree, Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the fifth degree, and three counts of Endangering Children, felony of the third degree.

Akron Police went to Hendricks' home in Akron to follow up on complaints of methamphetamine labs. Hendricks eventually gave consent to search the basement where chemicals and components to manufacture methamphetamine along with suspected methamphetamine were found. During this search, officers found Hendricks' two-year-old daughter in the house. Officers obtained a search warrant and removed more items from the residence, the back of Hendricks' truck, and found another meth lab in a camper behind the house. It was later determined that co-defendant Joseph Logan was living in the camper. Officers established there were two other children (ages 16 and 11) living in the home. Hendricks' wife, Jill Haas-Hendricks, was arrested at her workplace.

On May 26, 2009, Joseph Logan pled guilty to Illegal Manufacture of Drugs, a felony of the first degree, Assembly or Possession of Chemicals, a felony of the second degree, and Aggravated Possession of Drugs I, II, and was sentenced to six years in prison.

On July 7, 2009, Jill Haas-Hendricks pled guilty to Assembly or Possession of Chemicals, a felony of the third degree, and Endangering Children, a felony of the third degree, and was sentenced to three years in prison.