

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man who killed officer in 1994 while driving drunk found guilty of DUI and driving without a license; sentenced to max

(July 16, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Gregory Gordon, 47, of Uniontown, was found guilty by a jury yesterday afternoon of Driving Under Lifetime Suspension, a felony of the third degree, Operating Under the Influence and Driving Under Suspension, both misdemeanors. Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Gordon to the maximum of five years in prison.

On December 13, 2009, Gordon was at a convenience store on E. Turkeyfoot Road when a witness saw Gordon buying beer. Gordon was slurring his words and clearly intoxicated. When the witness saw Gordon getting into his car, he ran to his car and started to follow Gordon. While he was following him, he called 800-GRABDUI and gave dispatchers Gordon's license plate number. The Sheriff's Office ran the plates and met the witness and Gordon as they reached Gordon's home.

Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said, "I want to thank our witness and Good Samaritan, who wishes to remain anonymous, for being a concerned citizen and taking the time to follow Gordon. Without his help, Gordon could still be out there driving drunk and possibly taking another life. Mr. Gordon hit and killed Akron Police Officer George Knaff in 1994, and it is apparent that Officer Knaff's death was not enough to stop Gordon from driving drunk. Given that he continues to drive drunk, Gordon needs to be locked up as long as possible."

Gordon had a lifetime driver's license suspension from 1995 when he was convicted of killing Akron Police Officer George R. Knaff. Gordon was drunk when his car collided with Officer Knaff's at the intersections of S. Hawkins Avenue and Lawton Street on November 5, 1994, at 1:20 a.m. Officer Knaff was responding to an emergency call for assistance at the time.