

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

### **NEWS**

**For Immediate Release:  
Wednesday, July 19, 2010**

**CONTACT: Laurie Cramer  
Phone: (330) 643-2800**

### **Man who drove drunk, severely injured newspaper carrier sentenced to four years**

Akron ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that John C. Lees, 20, of Cuyahoga Falls, was sentenced to four years in prison by Judge Paul Gallagher for driving drunk and hitting a man delivering newspapers. Lees pled guilty on June 14, 2010 to Aggravated Vehicular Assault and Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On February 7, 2010, at around 4:00 a.m., John C. Lees and a passenger were returning home from a night of partying in Akron. The Defendant was driving on Highbridge Road in Cuyahoga Falls when he hit a 63 year-old man who was delivering newspapers for the Akron Beacon Journal. The victim sustained multiple fractures, including fractures of his spine and leg. The victim spent over three months in both the hospital and nursing care and sustained permanent injuries from the incident.

Lees had a blood alcohol content of 0.161, more than double the legal limit.