

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man who assaulted lost woman sentenced to nine years

(July 9, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Kenneth Johnson, 42, of Akron, was sentenced to nine years in prison by Judge Alison McCarty for accosting a woman on Arlington Road.

On January 17, 2010 a 51-year-old woman from Wooster attended a dance in Akron with a friend. After the dance, she got lost on Arlington Road on her way to a late night dinner. She was talking to her friend on her cell phone when she got out of her car to check her location. At that point, Kenneth Johnson accosted her by trying to get her keys and pushing her back into the car. She was able to fight him off, but not before he stole her cell phone.

The victim ran into a club and called 911. Johnson ran off toward Arlington Rd. The Akron Police and the victim learned that the incident was captured on video and within a half hour, the police found Johnson in Nadia Court, in the same direction that he ran and a short distance from the club. The victim identified Johnson and her cell phone.

Johnson was found guilty of Robbery by a jury on June 23. On July 8 he was found by Judge McCarty to also be a Repeat Violent Offender. She then sentenced him to eight years for the Robbery and one additional year because he was on Post Release Control (probation) for a previous crime, to run consecutive, for a total of nine years.