

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

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### **Guilty verdict for Copley man defrauding governmental agencies**

(Akron, June 3, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Edward Williams, 64, of Copley, was found guilty today by a jury of defrauding the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services and the Social Security Administration of more than \$100,000.

After just over one hour of deliberations, Williams was found guilty of two counts of Tampering with Records, felonies of the third degree, and two counts of Grand Theft, felonies of the fourth degree. Judge Patricia Cosgrove sentenced Williams to one year in prison.

Williams stole \$36,023 in benefits from the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, and \$64, 229 from the Social Security Administration by completing applications and statements with false information concerning his household and income status.