

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

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### **10 year prison sentence for Jennifer Jilek Woman who drove drunk and killed Richfield woman**

(Akron, June 3, 2011) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jennifer Jilek, 30, of Richfield, was sentenced by Judge Alison McCarty to 10 years in prison for causing the death of Charlene Kuzda and her dog. Jilek was driving home after a night of drinking and hit Ms. Kuzda while she was walking her dog with her boyfriend.

Jilek pled “no contest” to the indicted charges on May 6, 2011. Jilek’s sentence was seven years in prison for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide with a lifetime license suspension, and three years in prison for Failure to Stop After an Accident/Hit Skip, to run consecutive.

On February 15, 2011, at 9:15 p.m., Jilek was driving home from a bar and hit 37 year-old Charlene Kuzda and her dog as they were walking down Richlawn Drive in Richfield, Ohio. Charlene and her chocolate Labrador retriever were killed instantly. Ms. Kuzda’s boyfriend was walking with her and witnessed the accident. He was not injured. Jilek did not stop after the accident and drove to her home down the street. The Richfield police immediately discovered Jilek’s car, which had a smashed windshield, parked in her driveway. Jilek was found passed out at the bottom of a flight of stairs. Subsequent blood testing determined she had over a .30 level of alcohol in her blood, more than three times the legal limit.