

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Child homicide case indicted

(Akron, May 24, 2011) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Dennis Watson, 31, of Dayton, was indicted by a Summit County Grand Jury on two counts of Felony Murder for allegedly causing the death of his daughter, 10 week old Avionna Watson. Watson was also indicted with Endangering Children, a felony of the third degree.

Watson will be arraigned on May 27, 2011 in Magistrate Shoemaker's court. A grand jury indicts on two counts to offer a potential jury "alternative theories" on what may have caused the baby's death, Felonious Assault or Child Endangering.

Avionna's mother, Deborah Helms, was indicted for Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor. Her case will be handled by Akron Municipal Court.