

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Drug conviction for woman who used pit-bulls on officers

(Akron, May 23, 2011) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Rachel Stull, 39, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury Friday evening (May 20, 2011) of Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Heroin, felonies of the fourth degree, and Possession of Marijuana, having Drug Paraphernalia and Endangering Children, misdemeanors.

Stull will be sentenced on June 16, 2011 by Judge Tammy O'Brien.

After obtaining a search warrant, on October 19, 2010, the Akron Police Department's SWAT and narcotics unit went into Stull's home to search for drugs. Stull was standing at the top of the stairs blocking the way of the police with two pit-bulls. Stull refused to pull the dogs back, allowing Solomon Stallings, 36, also of Akron, to throw the drugs out the window. When Officers tried to get past Stull and the dogs, she let go of one of the dogs, which charged at the officers. The dog was shot and died. Drugs, money, and scales were found in the bedroom. Stull's 10-year-old daughter was in the home at the time.

On March 9, 2011, Stallings, Stull's co-defendant, was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to Possession of Cocaine and Heroin, and Endangering Children.