

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Meth Cook Lands 9 Years in Prison

(June 26, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Judy Hunter sentenced Justin Kracker, 27, of West Tallmadge Avenue in Akron, to nine years in prison for cooking meth in the largest meth lab in Akron in 2011.

On December 8, Officer Jeff Jones from the Ohio Adult Parole Authority was granted consent to search a residence on Tallmadge Avenue in Akron. Although Officer Jones did not find the probationer for whom he was searching, he did find a meth lab in an upstairs bedroom belonging to Kracker. Kracker's two-year-old daughter was home at the time of the search, and the residence is within 1,000 feet of an elementary school.

A jury found Kracker guilty on May 25 of Illegal Manufacture of Methamphetamines, a felony of the first degree; Illegal Assembly or Possession of Chemicals for the Manufacture of Drugs, a felony of the second degree; and Endangering Children, a felony of the third degree. Kracker was previously convicted of Illegal Manufacture of Drugs in 2005 and Illegal Assembly of Methamphetamines in 2004.