

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

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### **Akron Man Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Punching Officer**

(March 7, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that late yesterday Judge Tom Teodosio found Derrick Palm, 33, of West Long Street in Akron, guilty of Felonious Assault, a felony of the first degree, and Assault, a felony of the fourth degree.

On July 19, Akron Police were called to a location on Boulevard Street at which two people were reportedly fighting. When the officers arrived, Palm was the only person there. He punched one of the officers as he was getting out of his car to speak with Palm. The officer ordered Palm to get down on the ground and arrested him. After his arrest, the police discovered that Palm had placed the 911 call with the intention of ambushing the responding officers.

After finding Palm guilty, Judge Teodosio sentenced Palm to three years in prison.