

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Bushner Sentenced to 18 Years in Prison

(May 31, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Judy Hunter sentenced Raymond D. Bushner, 24, of Orlando Avenue in Akron, to 18 years in prison. On April 25, a jury found Bushner guilty of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree with a firearm specification; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree with a firearm specification; Having a Weapon While Under Disability, a felony of the third degree with a firearm specification; Intimidation of a Crime Witness, a felony of the third degree; and Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Bushner spent Halloween weekend in 2011 at his girlfriend's apartment on Eastgay in Akron along with another male and female. On the evening of Sunday, October 30, the female friend overheard an altercation between Bushner and his girlfriend in her bedroom. The friend went into the bedroom to make sure her friend was ok and saw Bushner restraining his girlfriend. The female friend called the girlfriend's sister and asked her to come help stop Bushner's assault.

The girlfriend's sister arrived at the apartment with Shawn Dotson and his son and another female. Bushner and his girlfriend's sister started yelling at each other. Bushner started backing out of the apartment while waving a gun at everyone in the apartment. As he exited the front door, he shot at his girlfriend, but fortunately missed. Bushner then shot Dotson in the chest and fled the apartment. Dotson survived.

Akron police arrested Bushner one month later when they responded to a 911 call claiming Bushner was physically assaulting his girlfriend. When they arrived at the girlfriend's apartment, she was bleeding and had some of her hair ripped from her head.

During the trial, Bushner's girlfriend admitted under oath that Bushner called her and told her to change her story in response to testimony made by the State's witnesses.