

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Tallmadge Woman to Spend 7 Years in Prison for Vehicular Homicide

(April 4, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Phyllis J. Treich, 51, of Treat Blvd. in Tallmadge, to a mandatory seven years in prison and a lifetime license suspension for a September crash that killed the wife of an Akron firefighter.

On the evening of September 6, Treich drove onto I-76 driving west into oncoming traffic in the eastbound lanes. She drove for close to one mile before hitting a car driven by Karon Briggs. That car was sent into another lane and hit by a second car. Briggs, a 55-year-old mother of three and wife of an Akron firefighter, died in surgery after the crash. Treich and the three occupants of the second car that hit Briggs were uninjured. Blood tests at Akron General Hospital showed Treich's blood serum alcohol content to be 0.181, over the legal limit of 0.08.

Treich pleaded guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide, a felony of the second degree; Operating Under the Influence, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and three counts of Negligent Assault, misdemeanors of the third degree, on February 15.