

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Tallmadge Woman Guilty of Vehicular Homicide

(February 15, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Phyllis J. Treich, 51, of Treat Blvd. in Tallmadge, 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 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.

Judge Lynne Callahan will sentence Treich on at 1:30 p.m. on April 3.