

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Road Rage Ends in Felonious Assault

(June 4, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Laray Carlisle, 37, of Christine Avenue in Garfield Heights, guilty of Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree.

On July 24, Carlisle impatiently honked his horn and yelled at the female driver of the taxi in front of him as she attempted to make a left-hand turn onto South Main Street in Akron. Before the woman could turn, Carlisle bumped the cab's rear bumper.

The woman examined the taxi's damage and then called 911. Carlisle drove into the cab's bumper again, then pulled up to the cab on the passenger side. The woman informed Carlisle that she had called the police and requested that he stay until the police arrived. Carlisle told the woman to take a picture of his license and insurance card. When she attempted to do so, Carlisle slapped her phone from her hand, which fell into his car. As the woman reached into Carlisle's car to get her phone, he grabbed her arm, hit the gas pedal and dragged her about a block. He then smashed her phone and shouted obscenities at her before driving away. The victim suffered concussion-like symptoms and a lot of bruising.

Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands will sentence Carlisle at 11:00 a.m. on July 3.