

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

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### **Cuyahoga Falls Man Found Guilty of OVI**

(May 13, 2013...Akron)...Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Edward South, 70, of Highpoint Lane in Cuyahoga Falls, guilty of two counts of Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence, both felonies of the third degree, as well as a specification for having five prior offenses in the last 20 years. South has a prior felony OVI conviction from Portage County.

South crashed into a pole on December 26, 2012 in Cuyahoga Falls and walked away from the scene. No one was injured in the crash. Cuyahoga Falls police tracked South to his daughter's house. South later blew a .087 in a breath test. He was driving on a suspended license at the time of the crash.

"This is Mr. South's twelfth OVI conviction in the last 25 years," said Prosecutor Walsh. "He clearly has not learned his lesson and remains a danger to society as long as he has access to a vehicle and our roadways."

Judge Tammy O'Brien will sentence South at 1 p.m. on May 23. South faces up to 10 years in prison.