

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

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### **Prison for Mom who Assaulted School Officials**

(August 20, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that yesterday Judge Jane Davis sentenced Jessica A. Smallwood, 25, of Corice Street in Akron, to a 14 month prison term.

On February 21, 2014, Smallwood and her son entered Glover Elementary School, where her son is a student. Smallwood became irate and began arguing with the principal and a teacher. Smallwood cursed at them, pushed the teacher and knocked the principal to the ground. Before leaving, Smallwood punched a cafeteria employee who intervened to help stop the assault. School administrators quickly placed the school on lockdown in compliance with A.L.I.C.E. school safety protocol. Akron Police responded immediately and arrested Smallwood.

On August 14, 2014, Smallwood pleaded guilty to two charges of Assault, felonies of the fifth degree, and one charge of Assault, a misdemeanor of the first degree.