

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Tallmadge Man Sentenced to Eight Years in Prison

(March 21, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that yesterday Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Eric J. Hartman, 37, of Tammery Drive in Tallmadge, to eight years in prison. He was also labeled a Tier III sex offender, which requires he register his address and place of employment every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Hartman forced a female friend to open several credit cards, which he then maxed out. He also coerced the woman, who is developmentally delayed, to have sex with him. While on house arrest for those crimes, Hartman became the subject of an investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children task force. Hartman admitted to downloading child pornography over the course of two months.

On January 22, Hartman pleaded guilty to three counts of Pandering Sexually Oriented Material, a felony of the second degree; two counts of Sexual Battery, a felony of the third degree; Extortion, a felony of the third degree; and three counts of Pandering Sexually Oriented Material, a felony of the fifth degree.