

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

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### **Rapist sentenced to 40 years to life in prison**

(November 23, 2010, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that James Myers, 44, of Mogadore, was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison for raping a 45-year-old woman.

On October 1, 2010, Myers was found guilty by a jury of three counts of Rape, Aggravated Burglary, and Kidnapping, all felonies of the first degree with Firearm Specifications; Corrupting another with Drugs, a felony of the second degree; Having a Weapon Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; Menacing by Stalking, a felony of the fourth degree; and Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence, a Misdemeanor.

On July 2, 2010 Myers followed a female victim, 45, of Akron, home from a bar without her knowledge. Myers broke into her home and when the victim pointed her gun at him, he overpowered and raped her. The victim did not know Myers.

Myers stalked the victim in the days after, including being charged with a DUI on July 3, 100 yards from the victim's home. He was arrested on the rape charges on July 8, 2010.