

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Robber found guilty of stealing social security check from elderly man

(April 23, 2010, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jackie Taylor, 40 of Akron, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon of two counts of Aggravated Burglary, felonies of the first degree, Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, Possession of Cocaine, a felony of the fourth degree, and Theft from the Elderly, a felony of the fifth degree.

Taylor's Repeat Violent Offender specification hearing and sentencing will be held on June 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., in Judge Thomas Teodosio's court.

On January 1, 2010, three friends conspired to rob the 71-year-old victim of his social security check. The victim knew two of the robbers. Nikkol Graves, 40, of Akron, Jackie Taylor and Hermaine Powell, 34, of Akron, went to the victim's house and robbed him of \$30. When they didn't get all of the money they wanted, they sent Hermaine Powell back into the house. He ransacked the bedroom to find the remainder of the victim's cashed social security check, approximately \$700. Hermaine used a gun and hit the victim during the second incident, causing facial injuries to the victim.

After the robbery, the victim went to a neighbor's house and called police. The three were apprehended.

Graves pled guilty on April 13, 2010, to Complicity to Commit Aggravated Robbery and Burglary (F1 and F2), and Possession of Cocaine (F5). She will be sentenced on May 7, 2010 at 9:00. Hermaine Powell pled guilty on April 19, 2010, to Burglary and Theft from the Elderly. He was sentenced to two years in prison.