

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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18 Years in Prison for Shooting at SWAT Officers

(March 12, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Amy Corrigall Jones sentenced Daniel Hayes, 32, of 4th Avenue in Akron, to 18 years in prison.

The Akron SWAT team executed a search warrant on a known drug house on Talbot Avenue on the east side of Akron on the morning of October 7, 2010. The police announced themselves, kicked in the back door and set off a flash grenade. Hayes, who was in the bedroom with an 18-year-old girl, fired three shots from the bedroom in the direction of the officers. He then broke the bedroom window and threw the gun out. An Akron detective saw Hayes throw the gun. Ballistics confirmed that three bullet casings and one spent bullet found in the house came from the gun he threw out the window. Police also found Hayes' DNA on the gun and the broken glass from the bedroom window.

A jury found Hayes guilty of three counts of Felonious Assault with a gun specification, a felony of the second degree; Improperly Discharging a Firearm into a Habitation, a felony of the third degree; Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; and Possession of Heroin, a felony of the third degree, on March 6.