

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Armed Robber Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison

(March 12, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Visiting Judge Marvin Shapiro sentenced Phillip Bloodworth, 32, to 20 years in prison for the armed robberies of a sandwich shop and a bank.

In the early-morning hours of November 13, Bloodworth attempted to grab a female employee of the Penn Station East Coast Subs on East Exchange Street in Akron as she was breaking down boxes outside the restaurant. The employee ran into the restaurant, told her manager that a man with a gun was chasing her and called 911. Bloodworth entered the restaurant, hit a male employee in the face and threatened to shoot the employee if a second male employee did not give him money. The employee complied, and Bloodworth fled.

Two days later, Bloodworth and a male accomplice entered the Buckeye State Credit Union on East Thornton Street in Akron and demanded money with their guns drawn. A security guard drew a gun on the pair, and they fled the bank.

A jury found Bloodworth, who represented himself, guilty of two counts of Aggravated Robbery with a firearm specification, a felony of the first degree, and two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree, on March 9.