

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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43 Years in Prison for Robbing University of Akron Students

(May 21, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Demarco Wright, 20, of Georgia Avenue in Akron, to 43 years in prison.

On October 25, Wright and two co-defendants kicked in the door at 617 Brown Street, a University of Akron student's house, with the intent to rob the residents. A girl in the upstairs attic called the police while the defendants were still in the home. Akron Police arrived and found all three defendants in the residence.

On May 6, a jury found Wright guilty of three counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree; four counts of Kidnapping, felonies of the first degree; one count of Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; and eight firearm specifications.

On February 14, co-defendants Teon Lipkins and Derrick Recktenwalt pleaded guilty to three counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree; four counts of Kidnapping, felonies of the first degree; and Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree with a firearm specification. Recktenwalt was additionally convicted of Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree. Lipkins, 21, of Struble Avenue NE in Canton, was sentenced to 12 years in prison on April 17. Recktenwalt, 22, of Cherry Avenue NE in Canton, is still awaiting sentencing.