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Cleveland Man Found Guilty of Menacing & Making a Bomb Threat

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, January 15, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found Spirlin Edwards, 27, of East 137th Street in Cleveland, guilty of several charges, including threatening to blow up Stow-Munroe Falls High School.

Jurors found Edwards guilty of the following charges:

- Inducing Panic – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Two counts of Telecommunications Harassment – felonies of the 5th degree
- Two counts of Aggravated Menacing – misdemeanors of the first degree

In January of 2015, Edwards became violent with his ex-girlfriend, grabbing her and shoving her to the ground. The following week, four tires on the victim's car were slashed while it was parked outside of where she worked. The victim and her family also began receiving numerous threatening text messages and emails which were eventually traced back to Edwards. Text messages included Edwards threatening to kill the victim and her family and burn their house down. Then on May 8, 2015, Edwards called in a bomb threat to Stow-Munroe Falls High School, causing the evacuation of close to 2,000 people. Phone records show the call came from Edwards' mother's house, where Edwards lived at the time.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Todd McKenney is scheduled to sentence Edwards on February 25, 2016 at 9am.

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As a side note, January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Each year, 7.5 million Americans are victims of stalking. This dangerous and terrifying crime can involve mental and physical threats and actions. Victims may suffer from not only physical harm, but anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression. For more information, please visit www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org