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Akron Police Officer Found to Use Justifiable Force in Shooting

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, October 20, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that an Akron Police Officer was justified in connection with the March 28, 2016 shooting of McCullen Webb.

On March 28, 2016, Webb attacked Humane Society Officer Timothy Harland as Harland sat in his work vehicle on 18th Street SW in Akron. Webb approached the vehicle and struck Harland with a shovel, then used a knife to cut Harland on the head, face, and arms. Harland spent several days in the hospital recovering from his injuries.

Webb also used a barbell to shatter the windshield of the Humane Officer's vehicle. Responding officers repeatedly ordered Webb to drop his knife and tried to subdue him with a Taser, but it had no effect. An Akron Police Officer shot Webb after he refused to drop the knife. Webb was shot in the leg and has since recovered.

On September 15, 2016, Webb pled guilty to a charge of felonious assault with a repeat violent offender specification (a felony of the 2nd degree). Webb was sentenced on October 20, 2016 to six years in prison.

Please see the attached report for details.