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Barberton Man Pleads Guilty to Robbery, Pointing Gun at Officer *Javon Spells Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, October 21, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Javon Spells, 20, of East Husted Street in Barberton, pled guilty to several charges in connection with a robbery. During the foot chase following the robbery, Spells attempted to shoot an Akron Police Detective. Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Scot Stevenson immediately sentenced Spells to 15 years in prison.

Spells pled guilty to the following charges:

- Attempted Murder – a felony of the 1st degree
- Aggravated Robbery with a Gun Specification – a felony of the 1st degree
- Having a Weapon Under Disability – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Assaulting a Police Dog – a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree

On June 28, 2016, Spells was riding his bicycle on Ada Street in Akron when he approached another man, pulled out a gun and attempted to rob him. The victim ran off yelling. When an Akron Police Detective responded, Spells ran away and refused repeated commands to stop. During the foot chase, Spells pointed his gun at the officer and pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire. Recon, a K-9 with the Akron Police Department, found Spells hiding in a nearby wooded area. During the arrest, Spells repeatedly punched Recon, however the dog was not injured.