

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty of Murder and other charges

(August 6, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Kenneth Cash, 21, of Akron, was found guilty last evening by a jury after three hours of deliberations of Murder with a Firearm Specification, Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification, and Tampering with Evidence.

Judge Alison McCarty will sentence Cash on August 24, at 1:00 pm. Cash faces from a minimum of 18 years to life, to a maximum of 33 years to life in prison.

On December 20, 2008, Kenneth Cash set up 22-year-old Rashan Lewis of Akron to be robbed by Cash and three other accomplices. The robbery did not go as expected and one of the four men shot and killed Lewis. The four men fled the scene leaving Lewis in his car. Lewis remained in his car until the next morning when a concerned citizen called police. When police arrived at the parking lot of an apartment building at the corner of 6th Avenue and Chittenden Street, they found Lewis slumped over in his car dead with one gun shot wound to his head.

Two accomplices, Allen Walker, 24, of Akron, and Ricky Brooks, 18, of Akron, pled guilty and testified against Cash. Walker pled to reduced charges of Involuntary Manslaughter and Aggravated Robbery with a gun specification; Brooks pled guilty to indicted charges of Aggravated Robbery and Tampering with Evidence. Neither man has been sentenced yet.

The alleged shooter, Demario McCall, is scheduled to go to trial September 21 in Judge Alison McCarty's court.