

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Jury finds man guilty of robbing of a cab driver K-9 Dog named Liberty busts case open

(Akron, December 18, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Deadric Brown, 37, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury yesterday afternoon of Aggravated Robbery with a gun specification, Robbery, and Having Weapons Under Disability. The jury deliberated only two hours before reaching their guilty verdict on all counts.

Judge Patricia Cosgrove immediately sentenced Brown to a total of nine years in prison.

On July 19, 2009, cab driver Jamie Hundley responded to a request for a cab at Roush's market on Thornton Street in Akron. He picked up Brown at about 9:30 p.m. Brown quickly led Hundley to a dead end street and robbed him at gunpoint. After convincing a stranger to call 911, Hundley gave a description of Brown and showed police where he ran. A K9 Dog named "Liberty," led by Akron Police Officer Nevin Webb, quickly picked up the scent that led to Brown's girlfriend's house. Upon asking Brown to exit the house, Hundley immediately picked Brown as the man who robbed him.

While awaiting trial, Brown failed a polygraph examination regarding his involvement in the crime.