

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Jury convicts man of Attempted Murder of Police Officer

(January 21, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Damond Herrington, 31, of Merton Avenue in Akron, guilty late yesterday afternoon of **Attempted Murder**, a felony of the first degree, two counts of **Aggravated Robbery**, felonies of the first degree, **Kidnapping**, a felony of the first degree, **Felonious Assault**, a felony of the first degree, **Having Weapons While Under Disability**, a felony of the third degree, and **Resisting Arrest**, a felony of the fourth degree. Herrington was also found guilty of five firearm specifications, which were attached to each of the above counts, and requires additional mandatory consecutive prison time.

The Defendant was also indicted with five Repeat Violent Offender specifications. Judge Callahan will hold the RVO hearing prior to Herrington's sentencing on January 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. The Defendant is facing a maximum of 39.5 years and if the Defendant is found guilty of being a Repeat Violent Offender, the Court can sentence the Defendant to an additional one to 10 years of prison time.

On June 19, 2008, Officer Ron Kennedy of the Akron Police Department, responded to a domestic violence call. Officer Kennedy was attempting to speak with Herrington when Herrington suddenly attacked him. Herrington was able to retrieve the gun from the officer's holster. He then pointed the gun at the officer threatening to kill him. Fortunately, the officer was able to call for backup. When backup arrived, Herrington dropped the gun to his side and ejected the clip, unloading it. Officers were able to tackle Herrington, at which point Herrington resisted arrest. Herrington's mother, Minnie Herrington, jumped on the back of one of the backup officers in an effort to get officers off of her son. Minnie Herrington pled to assault on a police officer on October 16, 2008, and was sentenced to 18 months of Community Control.

Judge Lynne Callahan will sentence Damond Herrington on January 28, 2009 at 1 p.m.