

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Jury finds man guilty of Attempted Aggravated Murder of Police Officer**

(January 16, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that David Jackson, 19, of Rootstown, OH, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon, January 15, 2009, by a jury of two counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder of a Police Officer, felonies of the first degree (with seven year firearm specifications), two counts of Felonious Assault of a Police Officer, felonies of the first degree (also with seven year firearm specifications), and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor.

He will be sentenced on January 22, 2009, by Judge Brenda Unruh. He faces a maximum of approximately 90 years.

On April 13, 2008, the Akron Police Department ran a routine plate check of the defendant's vehicle. He noticed the police's interest in him, and he took off at a high rate of speed. The police chased his car until he bailed out of the car while it was still moving, gun in hand. A foot chase followed as the police chased him through residential backyards and an alley. He emerged into the street on East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue and Berwin.

As the police approached him, he turned around with his gun and fired at one officer, 15 feet away, who slid to avoid the shot. The chase continued and the defendant got around a corner. When the police turned the corner of East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue and North Main Street, the defendant turned again, and fired twice at two officers about 120 feet away, again missing the officers, but penetrating the wall of a business. The defendant ran again, and was out of view once more. The police spotted him again on Elmo. He threw the weapon down, got on the ground, but refused to comply further. It took several officers and a Taser to get him under control.

The defendant pled guilty before trial to Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a felony of the fourth degree, Failure to Comply, a felony of the third degree, Obstructing Official Business, a felony of the fifth degree, and Possession of Marijuana, and Reckless Operation, all misdemeanors.