

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man guilty for robbing Akron store

(July 10, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Jimmie Washington, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury today of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree (with a gun specification), and Theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

Washington will be sentenced by Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands on August 12, 2009.

On March 25, 2009, at approximately 10:21 p.m. the defendant and co-defendant Darrell Taylor, walked into a store located on Arlington Road, in Akron, with the bottom half of their faces covered with bandanas and robbed the store. Both men were carrying guns. At the time of the robbery, a female employee, her boyfriend and her daughter were in the store. Washington pointed the gun at the employee and demanded money; when she hesitated, Washington pointed the gun at the employee's 16 year-old daughter and started counting backwards from 10. The employee handed over cash register and lottery money, amounting to \$1300.

Washington faces a maximum of 13 years in prison. The co-defendant pled guilty and received six years for his part in the crime. The two were regular customers in the store and three witnesses picked the defendant's out of a photo line-up.