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Man Sentenced to 29 years for Attempted Murderer of Marine

(June 30, 2009, Akron) Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Breshaun Nichols, 21, of Akron was sentenced to 29 years in prison by Judge Tom Parker for the attempted murder of Marine Richard Dawson during a robbery at a Circle K gas station on Arlington Road.

He was found guilty by a jury on May 18, 2009 on all charges, including **Attempted Murder** (with a Firearm Specification), a felony of the first degree, **Aggravated Burglary** (with a Firearm Specification), a felony of the first degree, **Felonious Assault** (with a Firearm Specification) a felony of the second degree, and **Having Weapons Under Disability**, a felony of the third degree.

Prosecutor Walsh said, "Breshaun Nichols had every intention of killing Richard Dawson. When Mr. Dawson refused to give up his wallet, Nichols shot him in the stomach. He then pointed the gun at Dawson's head and the gun jammed. Clearly the defendant does not belong in our community and I am pleased that he will be in prison until he is 50 years old."

On June 13, 2008, at approximately 5:40 a.m., Richard Dawson stopped at a Circle-K on Arlington Road, in Akron, to purchase soda and gasoline. A red Plymouth Neon pulled into the gas station. The vehicle was driven by the Defendant's brother, Brent Nichols. Passengers were Janet Meeks and Denny Andrews. Andrews and Breshaun Nichols got out of the vehicle and got behind Richard Dawson at the pay window. When Dawson went back to his truck, Nichols followed him, pulling out a gun and demanding money. When Dawson refused, Nichols shot him in the stomach. He then pointed the gun at Dawson's head and pulled the trigger, but the gun jammed and the bullet did not fire. Nichols then ran back to the vehicle where he was driven away by his brother.

Co-defendants Brent Nichols and Andrews previously pled guilty to lesser charges. Meeks cooperated with police and was not charged.