

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

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### **Man sentenced to 16 years for Attempted Murder**

(Akron, November 20, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Taylor Black, 23, of Akron, was sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh to 16 years in prison for shooting a BP clerk after a robbery.

Black pled guilty to Attempted Murder (with a gun specification), Aggravated Robbery (with a gun specification), and Failure to Comply on September 3, 2009.

At 4:15 a.m. on May 1, 2009, defendants Taylor Black and Joseph London drove to the BP Station on Kent Road in Stow. London entered the BP first and went into the restroom. Black entered with a mask on and used a gun to demand money from the cashier. Black stole \$37.46 and left.

Another employee followed them out of the store and tackled London. When the employee refused to let London go, Black shot him in the stomach. They fled in their vehicle but were spotted by the police. A chase ensued. Black crashed the vehicle and both defendants were apprehended.

Joseph London, 23, of Copley, is scheduled for trial on January 4, 2010, in Judge Unruh's court.