

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man pleads guilty in home invasion that resulted in dog's death

(September 24, 2009...Akron) ...Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Lewis Napoleon, Jr., 22, of Akron, pled guilty yesterday to **Burglary**, a felony of the second degree (with a **Firearm Specification**); **Grand Theft – Firearm**, a felony of the third degree; **Having Weapons While Under Disability**, a felony of the third degree; **Theft from the Elderly**, a felony of the fourth degree; **Failure to Comply**, a felony of the third degree. He also pled to **Injuring Animals**, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Judge Mary Rowlands will sentence Lewis Napoleon, Jr. on November 4, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The case against the juvenile accomplice is pending.

In February 2009, Lewis and a juvenile broke into an elderly couple's home by first kicking in the metal back door several times and then using an object to pry open the door. Once inside, the two were greeted by the victims barking five pound, eight-year-old Shih Tzu. In an attempt to quiet the dog, they kicked the dog against the living room wall and then continued to hit the dog on its head and body.

Napoleon and his accomplice ransacked the victims' house stealing a desktop computer, two shotguns, cash, jewelry, prescription drugs, a checkbook, several collectible German beer steins and liquor bottles. They then stole the victims' pickup truck and took it.

In May 2009, the Summit County Fugitive Task Force searched Napoleon's residence on an unrelated case. The Task Force found one of the shotguns stolen from the victim's house and a pill bottle with the victim's name, inside Napoleon's home. Napoleon confessed to being involved in the burglary.

The dog had to be put down because of the extent of its injuries.