

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

Contact: Laurie Cramer  
(330) 643-2800

### **Man found guilty and sentenced to eight years for Robbery**

(August 4, 2010 Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Demardre Sammons, 19, of Baltimore Avenue in Akron, was found guilty by a jury of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree and Obstructing Official Business, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

After the verdict, Judge Marvin Shapiro sentenced Sammons to eight years in prison, five years on the Aggravated Robbery and three years on the gun specification.

On the evening of January 4, 2010, the victim was walking on Thornton Street to her home when she was approached by two males wearing masks. One of the men held a gun on her while the other went through her purse. When they found she had no money, they returned her purse and walked away. Police responding to the scene observed two individuals matching the description of the suspects. Upon seeing the police, they fled on foot. Defendant Sammons was apprehended quickly and co-defendant Gregory Williams was found later hiding under a porch.

On May 18, 2010, Williams pled guilty to Aggravated Robbery, a first degree felony with a three year gun spec. He will be sentenced on August 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.