

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

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### **Man sentenced to nine years for Attempted Murder of Cab Driver**

(January 21, 2010 Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Fredrick D. Kent, 20, of Excelsior Street, Akron was sentenced to nine years in prison by Judge Brenda Burnham Unruh. On December 14, 2009 Kent pled guilty to Aggravated Robbery (F1), and Attempted Murder (F1) with a three year mandatory firearm specification.

On the evening of September 14, 2009, at around 9:30 p.m., Kent, along with two other unidentified individuals, approached a Checker Cab parked at Windsor and Excelsior Street. The Defendant approached the cab, pulled out a .40 caliber handgun, and put it to the cab driver's head and demanded money. The driver pushed the firearm out of his face and sped away. As he was driving away, the Kent fired his gun at the cab striking it two times.

Immediately after the incident, the cab driver flagged down an Akron police cruiser on Exchange Street. Other Akron police officers also responded to the area on Excelsior. Kent was located a short time later hiding in his residence along with the handgun that was used in the attack.