

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man sentenced to 14 years for Armed Robberies

(Akron, January 15, 2010) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Joseph London, 23, of Copley, was sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh yesterday afternoon to 14 years in prison for two armed robberies.

London pled guilty to the crimes on December 17, 2009. Specifically, he was sentenced to seven years for Aggravated Robbery with a gun specification, two years for Felonious Assault, concurrent to other charges, and seven years for Aggravated Robbery with a gun specification, consecutive for a total of 14 years.

The first armed robbery London was involved in was at 4:15 a.m. on May 1, 2009. London and Taylor Black, 23, of Akron, 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. They stole a case of beer, \$37.46, and left the store.

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.

Taylor Black was sentenced on November 20, 2009, by Judge Brenda Unruh to 16 years in prison for shooting the BP clerk after the 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.

The second armed robbery London is going to prison for was on April 4, 2009, at a Circle K in Akron. London and another man robbed the store of \$70 and a six-pack of beer. When the cashier asked London for an ID to purchase the beer, London smiled and shook his head "no." His accomplice then pulled out a handgun, pointed it at the cashier and demanded money.