

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found guilty of Murder

(Akron, May 5, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Larry Adams, 25, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury late yesterday afternoon of Murder, Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, Burglary, a felony of the second degree, Tampering with Evidence and Having a Weapon Under Disability, felonies of the third degree.

Adams will be sentenced by Judge Tom Parker on May 6, at 8:30 a.m. In the State of Ohio, if you commit or aid and abet another in committing a first or second degree felony of violence that results in the death of another, you can be held responsible for that death. This even applies when the person killed is a co-defendant or co-participant in the crime.

In November of 2010, Adams and Delwin Isaac went to buy marijuana from Darnell Roper. They bought the drugs and left, but later returned to rob Roper. During the robbery a gun fight ensued, with Isaac shooting Roper in the leg. Roper got his gun and shot Isaac. Adams was also shot during the exchange, but was able to drag Isaac's body out of the house. Adams ran from the scene and went to a friend's house to remove his bloodied clothes. He then went back to find Isaac. The Akron Police Department and EMS arrived on the scene and took both Adams and Isaac to the hospital. Isaac died shortly thereafter.

The robbery victim, Darnell Roper, ran from the scene but was later apprehended and taken to the hospital and treated for injuries to his leg. Roper is charged with Drug Trafficking and is awaiting trial May 12th in Judge Elinore Stormer's Court.

Adams was found not guilty of three Gun Specifications, and Aggravated Burglary.