

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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9 Years in Prison for Teen Who Robbed Juveniles

(June 13... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Cordell Benson, 19, of Cree Street in Akron, to nine years in prison.

On January 20, Benson and two juveniles stopped three juveniles as they were walking through a church parking lot. Benson pointed a gun at the three boys while his accomplices took their money and two cell phones. Akron police officers followed the suspects' footprints through the snow to a nearby home, where they found the victims' belongings and a loaded gun.

Benson pleaded guilty on May 14 to Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon, a felony of the fourth degree.