

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Men Sentenced to 8 Years in Prison for Aggravated Robbery

(May 29, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today Judge Amy Corrigan Jones sentenced Rayonte L. Jones, 26, of Lakeshore Blvd. in Akron, to eight years in prison. On May 16, a jury found Jones guilty of Aggravated Robbery with a firearm specification, a felony of the first degree; Receiving Stolen Property, a felony of the fifth degree; and Misuse of a Credit Card, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Early on the morning of January 3, William Weems, 20, of West Thornton Street in Akron, robbed a man at gunpoint of his wallet and cell phone in the Akron General Hospital parking lot while Jones waited in a nearby car. Jones and Weems then went shopping with the victim's credit card. Later that afternoon, Jones was with Weems when he robbed a 17-year-old boy in the Chapel Hill Mall parking lot.

Later that day, Jones called Target claiming he accidentally left in the store a stroller that he had purchased that morning (with a credit card stolen from the first robbery victim). Police were waiting when Jones and Weems went to Target the next day to get a replacement stroller and arrested Jones. Weems escaped but later turned himself in.

Weems pleaded guilty in March to Aggravated Robbery with a firearm specification, a felony of the first degree, and Robbery, a felony of the second degree. Judge Corrigan Jones sentenced him to eight years in prison on May 23.