

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

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### **Max Sentence for Murder Caught on Camera**

(May 9, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan imposed the maximum sentence of life in prison for Kennard S. Gay, 26, of East Avenue in Akron. A jury found Gay guilty of Murder with a gun specification and Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree, on April 30.

On September 10, 2011, Gay, his mother and another female drove to Kelly's Drive Thru on Copley Road. Gay's mother got into an argument with a man in the parking lot about whether or not she had another man's dog. The dog owner, Melvin Coleman, arrived shortly thereafter and accused Gay's mother of having his dog. Gay eventually got out of the car and told Coleman to stop accusing his mother. When Coleman continued with his accusation, Gay pulled a gun from his pocket and shot Coleman three times, hitting him in the hand, face and chest. Coleman died from wounds to his aorta, thorax and lung. The shooting was captured on multiple security cameras.

Gay will be eligible for parole after serving 21 years in prison.