

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Johnnl Lewis Sentenced to Life in Prison

(October 23, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Johnnl Lewis, 21, of Springdale Street in Akron, pleaded guilty to Aggravated Murder; Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree; Tampering with Evidence, a felony of the third degree; Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; and three firearm specifications.

On April 6, Lewis attempted to rob the McDonald's on West Market Street in Akron. One of the employees, 28-year-old John Lehman, was taking out the trash at the time. Lehman confronted Lewis as he tried to enter the restaurant. Lewis shot Lehman twice and then fled.

After hearing statements from Lehman's family and from Lewis, Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Lewis to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 2044.