

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Cousins Sentenced to Prison

(June 13, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Gracshawn G. Thomas, 23, of Lindsey Avenue in Akron, to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after serving 35 years. Judge Callahan also sentenced Delrico L. Thomas, 28, of Hartford Avenue in Akron, to five years in prison.

On the morning of September 18, Gracshawn pulled up next to Alphonso Golden, Jr. at a red light on East Waterloo Road in Akron. Both men were involved in a continuing feud in which friends and family members had been shot at and/or killed. Gracshawn fired at Golden's car eight times, hitting Golden twice and killing him. Gracshawn drove to the back yard of a house on 2nd Avenue where his cousin Delrico helped him clean out the car. The car was found nine days later. It had been painted black and set on fire.

"Gracshawn and Delrico have been identified as among the most dangerous violent offenders in Akron," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Thanks to the diligent efforts of my assistant prosecutors and the Akron Police Department, we were able to get these dangerous criminals off the streets for a very long time."

On June 10, a jury found Gracshawn guilty of Aggravated Murder with a firearm specification, Murder with a gun specification, Having Weapons Under Disability and Tampering with Evidence. The jury also found Delrico guilty of Tampering with Evidence and Obstructing Justice. The jury needed only 90 minutes to reach its verdict.