

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Cousins Guilty in Akron Murder

(June 10, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that late yesterday a jury found Gracshawn G. Thomas, 23, of Lindsey Avenue in Akron, 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 L. Thomas, 28, of Hartford Avenue in Akron, guilty of Tampering with Evidence and Obstructing Justice. The jury needed only 90 minutes to reach its verdict.

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.

Judge Lynne Callahan will sentence Gracshawn and Delrico on Friday, June 13 at 9:00 a.m.