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Akron Woman Sentenced for Nearly Running Over Tallmadge Police Officer

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, April 18, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Yolanda DeBruce, 48, of West South Street in Akron, to 10 years in prison for nearly running over a police officer.

Judge Teodosio also suspended DeBruce's license for 20 years.

On April 15, 2016, DeBruce pled guilty to the following charges:

- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 1st degree
- Failure to Comply – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Robbery – a felony of the 3rd degree

On December 12, 2015, a Tallmadge Police Detective was off-duty but still in uniform at the Giant Eagle on West Avenue in Tallmadge when store security alerted the officer of a shoplifter. The officer followed the shoplifter, Yolanda DeBruce, to the parking lot and ordered her to stop. DeBruce got into her minivan, sped toward the officer, and nearly ran her over. DeBruce then led officers on a chase until she was eventually caught. The officer was not injured in the incident.

DeBruce has a long criminal history, including convictions in numerous felony and misdemeanor cases.