

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

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### **39 Years in Prison for Pair Convicted of Robbery**

(November 13, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Tom Parker sentenced Steven Young, 24, of Morgan Avenue in Akron, and Anthony Shellman, 29, of Lake Street in Akron, to prison for their role in a robbery on Lake Street in Akron in April.

A jury convicted Young on October 29 of two counts of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, with firearm specifications; one count of Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree, with a firearm specification; one count of Kidnapping a Child Under 13, a felony of the first degree, with firearm and criminal gang specifications; one count of Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree, with firearm and criminal gang specifications; Participating in a Criminal Gang, a felony of the second degree, with a firearm specification; Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree; and Safecracking, a felony of the fourth degree. Judge Parker sentenced Young today to 22 years in prison.

Shellman pleaded guilty to Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree; Robbery, a felony of the second degree, with a firearm specification; Burglary, a felony of the second degree; and Having Weapons Under Disability, a felony of the third degree, on August 27. Judge Parker sentenced him on October 30 to 10 years in prison for this robbery, plus another seven years in prison for a previous robbery, for a total of 17 years in prison.

On April 9, Young and Shellman entered a home on Lake Street with a gun. Among the people in the house were a 12-year-old and a six-year-old. Young and Shellman moved the kids and one of the home's occupants into various rooms at gunpoint. They then forced one of the victims to open a safe, from which they stole money and drugs.