

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man sentenced to 17 years to Life for Death of Co-Defendant during armed robbery

(Akron, May 6, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Larry Adams, 25, of Akron, was sentenced to 17 years to life by Judge Tom Parker after being found guilty by a jury on May 3, 2011. Adams was sentenced to the following: Murder, 15 years to life, Aggravated Robbery, eight years, concurrent, Burglary, seven years, concurrent, Tampering with Evidence, two years, consecutive, Having a Weapon Under Disability, one year, Concurrent, for a total of 17 years to Life.

In November of 2010, Adams and Delwin Isaac went to buy marijuana from Darnell Roper. They bought the drugs and left, but later returned to rob Roper. During the robbery a gun fight ensued, with Isaac shooting Roper in the leg. Roper got his gun and shot Isaac. Adams was also shot during the exchange, but was able to drag Isaac's body out of the house. Adams ran from the scene and went to a friend's house to remove his bloodied clothes. He then went back to find Isaac. The Akron Police Department and EMS arrived on the scene and took both Adams and Isaac to the hospital. Isaac died shortly thereafter.

In Ohio, if you commit or aid and abet another in committing a first or second degree felony of violence, and the commission of that crime results in the death of another, including the codefendant as in this case, you can be held responsible for that death.

The robbery victim, Darnell Roper, ran from the scene but was later apprehended and taken to the hospital and treated for injuries to his leg. Roper is charged with Drug Trafficking and is awaiting trial May 12th in Judge Elinore Stormer's Court.