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Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Robbing Wheelchair-Bound Elderly Man

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, April 05, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Thomas Moore, 34, of Akron, pled guilty in connection with the robbery of a 73-Year-Old wheelchair-bound man.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Todd McKenney immediately sentenced Moore to eight years in prison.

Moore pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Robbery – a felony of the 1st degree

"This office will continue to seek tough sentences on those who prey upon our elderly," said Deputy Chief Counsel Margaret Scott. "I hope that the eight years of his confinement behind bars will teach him some empathy for those who are physically confined."

Moore knew the 73-year-old victim and knew the victim kept money in a lockbox. Moore met with an Akron teen and both planned to rob the wheelchair-bound man in his apartment. The teen held a knife to the victim, knocked him out of his wheelchair and demanded money. Both Moore and the teen ran out of the apartment and split the money.

Moore's co-defendant, 18-year-old Valontai Buchanan, pled guilty to Aggravated Robbery on March 29, 2016 and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 3, 2016.