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Akron Man Sentenced to Prison for Breaking Into Closed Akron School

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, January 27, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Tre Williams, 28, of Zahn Drive in Akron, to one year in prison for breaking into an abandoned former Akron School.

At the time, Williams was on community control for a 2018 case after pleading guilty to aggravated possession of drugs. Judge Oldfield imposed a two year sentence for the community control violation to be served consecutively to the Breaking and Entering charge for a total of a three year prison sentence.

On Friday, January 23, 2020, a Summit County jury found Williams guilty of the following charge:

- Breaking and Entering – a felony of the 5th degree

Just after 4am on August 25, 2019, a private security guard responded to an alarm at the former Goodrich Middle School, 700 Lafollette Street in Akron. Inside, three men were found with cutting tools and several carts full of copper pipes. The defendants entered the building after cutting a locked chain and disabled the alarm by cutting the power wires.

On January 13, 2020, co-defendant Travis Brown, 27, of Bye Street in Akron, pled guilty to Breaking and Entering, a felony of the 5th degree, and was sentenced to 12 months of community control.

The third co-defendant, 47-year-old Harold Twitty of Rhodes Avenue in Akron, pled guilty today to Breaking and Entering, a felony of the 5th degree. Judge Oldfield is scheduled to sentence Twitty on February 24, 2020 at 1pm.