

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Trio Guilty of First Murder of the Year in Akron

(August 21, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that late yesterday a jury found Robert Davis, 21, of Princeton Street in Akron, and Rahsheem Carr, 21, of Seiberling Street in Akron, guilty of the robbery and murder of Phillip Michael Anderson, 24, also of Akron.

On January 10, Anderson was with two friends in his car on Princeton Street in Akron when they were robbed by two men with guns. During the robbery, Anderson was shot and killed.

Three men were originally charged with the crime. Demarcus Williams, 21, of Tandy Lane in Akron, pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter, a felony of the first degree, and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, on June 11. Both charges included firearm specifications. Williams testified against Carr and Davis at their trial.

Carr was convicted of Aggravated Murder with a firearm specification and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, with a firearm specification for shooting Anderson. Davis was convicted as an accomplice to Murder and Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, for planning the robbery with Williams and Carr and for driving Williams from the scene of the shooting.

Davis faces life in prison with parole eligibility after 26 years. Carr faces the potential penalty of life in prison without parole. Williams faces a maximum sentence of 14 years in prison.

Carr, Davis and Williams will be sentenced by Judge Alison McCarty on August 31 at 9:00 a.m.