

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man found Guilty in Bank Robbery

(July 7, 2011... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Willie Boone, 31, of Elyria, was found guilty by a jury of Robbery, a third degree felony, Escape, a second degree felony, and Resisting Arrest, a second degree Misdemeanor.

On June 14, 2010, Boone walked into the Key Bank branch on Romig Road in Akron. He was wearing a black shirt, long black wig, sunglasses, and latex gloves. As Boone approached the counter demanding money, an officer working in the bank pulled his gun and ordered Boone to the ground. Boone eventually complied. As the officer went to holster his gun, Boone leapt up and made a run out the door of the bank. Boone and the officer wrestled, with Boone eventually running to a waiting SUV. Boone got away, leaving his shirt and wig that came off in the struggle.

Boone had pending charges in Elyria at the time this happened and a CODIS hit matched his DNA from the shirt and wig.

Boone will be sentenced July 14, 2011 by Judge Allison McCarty.