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Akron Man Sentenced to Six Years in Prison for Robbing CVS

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 25, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced Willie Phillips, 50, of Hite Street in Akron, to six years in prison for robbing an Akron CVS.

Prior to sentencing, Phillips pled guilty to the following charges:

- Aggravated Robbery with a Gun Specification – a felony of the 1st degree

On October 6, 2019, Phillips walked into the CVS at 590 East Market Street in Akron, filled a shopping cart with merchandise, and walked out without paying. One store employee followed Phillips out to the parking lot in an attempt to get a license plate number. As Phillips loaded the merchandise into his vehicle, he pulled a gun and pointed it at the employee. Phillips then got into his vehicle and drove off.

Phillips was also charged in federal court in connection with the incident. On February 13, 2020, Phillips pled guilty to a federal charge of felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing is scheduled for June 2, 2020.