

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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10 Years in Prison for Role in Drug Heist

(October 24, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that late yesterday Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Charles Fortson, 38, of Brighton Drive in Akron, to 10 years in prison.

On January 20, 2014, Fortson picked up Marshall Jones, a marijuana dealer, along with Ronald Bishop and Devante Scurry, so they could rob him. During the robbery, Jones, who was in the back seat of a car with Bishop, attempted to reach for his own gun when he was shot twice by Bishop. Bishop then pushed Jones out of the car on Noble Road in Akron. The three then drove off leaving Jones to die in the street.

On June 5, 2014, Fortson pleaded guilty to Involuntary Manslaughter and Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree.

On October 23, 2014, Judge McCarty sentenced, Bishop, the shooter, to 18 years to life in prison. Scurry will be sentenced by Judge McCarty on November 6 at 10:00a.m.