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Akron Man Convicted of Robbing Barberton Store

Defendant Sentenced to Mandatory 6 Years in Prison

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, June 28, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Daniel Bitting, 28, of McKinnley Avenue in Akron, guilty of robbing a Barberton store.

Bitting was then sentenced to six years in prison. Bitting must serve the entire six year prison sentence.

Jurors found Bitting guilty of the following charges:

- Aggravated Robbery – a felony of the 1st degree
- Robbery – a felony of the 2nd degree

On March 31, 2016, Bitting and his teenaged cousin robbed the Barberton Mini Mart on George Street. Surveillance video showed the teen pointing a gun at the store's clerk, while Bitting walked back and forth acting as a lookout. The teen is currently in custody of the Ohio Department of Youth Services. The weapon turned out to be a BB gun.

Bitting was also determined to be a Repeat Violent Offender. Bitting has an extensive criminal history, with four prior felony convictions. In 2010, Bitting was convicted of robbery and was sentenced to three years in prison. In that case, Bitting was granted an early judicial release from prison.