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### **Akron Man Impersonating a Police Officer Sentenced to 5 Years and 11 Months for Handcuffing & Assaulting Children**

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, March 07, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Christopher Hendon, 26, of Nome Avenue in Akron, to five years and 11 months in prison.

On January 11, 2018, Hendon pled guilty to the following charges:

- 7 Counts of Kidnapping – felonies of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- 6 Counts of Abduction – felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- 15 Counts of Impersonating a Police Officer - felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (three of the counts have firearm specifications attached)
- 3 Counts of Illegal Conveyance of a Deadly Weapon in School Safety Zone with firearm specifications – felonies of the 5<sup>th</sup> degree

“These children were traumatized by what Christopher Hendon did. Dressed as a police officer, Hendon snatched children out of classrooms, then handcuffed and physically assaulted them,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “One of the victims he handcuffed was six-years-old. He lied about being a police officer and violated the trust law enforcement has built with the community while preying on young children.”

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Between March 29, 2017 and April 6, 2017, Hendon, armed with a handgun and Taser, entered two Akron area schools wearing law enforcement tactical gear, including a badge. Hendon informed school employees that he was an Akron Police Officer with the "Scared Straight" program. While in those schools, Hendon handcuffed, threatened, and physically assaulted numerous students. On April 6, 2017, Hendon appeared at the Summit County Juvenile Justice Center wearing the same law enforcement tactical gear. Hendon had three juveniles with him, two were handcuffed. After some discussion, Hendon was denied entry into the Juvenile Justice Center.

During its investigation, the Summit County Sheriff's Department determined Hendon is not a certified peace officer in the State of Ohio or anywhere else. It was also determined that there were 13 children were victims of Hendon's illegal conduct.

On April 24, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Akron Police Department executed a search warrant at Hendon's Akron residence. During the search, investigators seized weapons, handcuffs, law enforcement equipment, and police insignias.