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Additional Charges Filed Against Christopher Hendon

Akron Man Charged with Kidnapping, Impersonating Police Officer

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, June 23, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County Grand Jury indicted Christopher Hendon, 26, of Nome Avenue in Akron, on 47 additional counts in connection with several incidents between March 29, 2017 and April 6, 2017.

The supplemental charges all relate to Hendon entering two schools by posing as an Akron Police Officer and placing multiple children in handcuffs.

Previously, Hendon faced charges which stemmed from an investigation involving the Summit County Sheriff's Department and the Akron Police Department into allegations Hendon entered the Summit County Juvenile Justice Center while dressed in tactical police attire and carrying a firearm.

Following the supplemental indictment, Hendon is now charged with the following:

- 7 Counts of Kidnapping – felonies of the 2nd degree
- 7 Counts of Abduction – felonies of the 3rd degree
- 16 Counts of Impersonating a Police Officer with Firearm Specifications - felonies of the 3rd degree
- 13 Counts of Illegal Conveyance of a Deadly Weapon in School Safety Zone – felonies of the 5th degree

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- 4 Counts of Illegal Conveyance of a Deadly Weapon into a Courthouse – felonies of the 5th degree
- 7 Counts of Assault – misdemeanors of the 1st degree
- 4 Counts of Criminal Trespass – misdemeanors of the 4th degree
- 1 Count of Impersonating a Police Officer – a misdemeanor of the 4th degree
- 1 Count of Endangering Children – misdemeanor of the 1st degree

During its investigation, the Summit County Sheriff's Department determined Hendon is not a certified peace officer in the State of Ohio.

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.

Hendon is scheduled to be arraigned on the supplemental charges on Tuesday, July 11 at 8:30am by Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce.

If you know of a child who participated in Hendon's "Scared Straight Program," please contact the Summit County Sheriff's Detective Bureau at 330-643-2131.

Follow up questions should be directed to Summit County Sheriff's Inspector William Holland at 330-643-5091 or James Pollack, Summit County Prosecutor's Office Director of Communications, at 330-643-8386.