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Akron Man Sentenced to 19 Years in Prison for Shooting at Police

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, September 5, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield sentenced David Havrilek, 43, of Wilbeth Road in Akron, to 19 years in prison for shooting at police officers.

On August 19, 2019, Havrilek pled guilty to the following charges:

- Two Counts of Attempted Murder with Gun Specifications – felonies of the 1st degree

“The heroic acts of officers with the Norton and Barberton Police Departments saved several lives, including a two-year-old girl who was at the storage facility with her father. Mr. Havrilek had an arsenal at his disposal, including an assault rifle with hundreds of rounds of ammunition nearby. Thankfully, this ended with no one severely injured or killed,” said Prosecutor Walsh.

On October 3, 2017, Norton police received a call from an employee at Barber Storage South regarding a suspicious man walking around with a rifle. Norton and Barberton Officers arrived and evacuated the facility. An officer spotted Mr. Havrilek hiding under a tractor trailer. The officer ordered Havrilek to drop his weapon and after a couple of seconds, the defendant fired his rifle at officers. Police returned fire and wounded Mr. Havrilek in his legs and hand. He also had multiple minor wounds from being hit by bullet fragments. Mr. Havrilek was taken into custody without further incident. None of the officers were injured.