

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Man Pleads Guilty to five Robberies and Gets 16 Years in Prison**

(January 14, 2010, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Eugene Blackwood, 49, of Delba Avenue in Akron, Ohio pled guilty to five Aggravated Robbery charges, felonies of the first degree, gun specifications and Repeat Violent Offender Specifications. Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Blackwood to 16 years and eight months in prison.

Blackwood confessed to all five robberies. He said he did it because he was addicted to crack.

On September 20, 2009, Blackwood robbed Church's Chicken at 713 N. Main St. He pulled out a 9 mm handgun, pointed it at the employee behind the counter and told her, "You got 10 seconds to give me the money or I shoot you." He received \$225.00 in the robbery.

On September 21, 2009, Blackwood went to Advanced Auto Parts at 1308 Vernon Odom Blvd. After he was asked if he could be helped, he pulled out his gun and demanded money. He received an undisclosed amount of money in the robbery.

On September 22, 2009, Blackwood robbed Kentucky Fried Chicken at 2027 S. Main St. He walked up to the drive-thru and pointed a gun at the employee. He said "you have 15 seconds." The manager opened the cash register in order to give the defendant money and to ensure his employee was safe. Blackwood received about \$600.00.

On September 23, 2009, Mr. Blackwood robbed Church's Chicken at 1211 S. Main St. He received \$145.00.

On the same date, September 23, 2009, Blackwood entered Circle K at 1178 S. Arlington St. and asked for cigarettes. When the employee rang up the purchase and the cash drawer opened, Blackwood showed the victim the firearm and demanded the money. He received \$52.00.

On September 24, 2009, Blackwood allegedly robbed FirstMerit Bank, 727 N. Main St., at gunpoint. He was apprehended and the FirstMerit case was indicted federally. That case is still pending.