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Guilty Verdict in Craigslist Robbery

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AKRON, OHIO – **February 22, 2013** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that a jury found Doylyn Clayton, Jr., 19, of Canyon Parkway in Akron, guilty of Aggravated Robbery, a first-degree felony with a Firearm Specification, and Aggravated Robbery, a first-degree felony with a Firearm Specification.

In June 2012, Clayton posted a bogus Craigslist ad to sell a 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo. He posted photographs of a car and requested to be contacted via text message. Clayton listed his real email address and cell phone number as contact information. A couple from Portage County contacted Clayton by text on June 19, 2012 to see the \$4,500 vehicle he was selling. On the evening of June 19, the couple drove to 902 West Exchange Street where they met Clayton in the driveway of an abandoned house. The wife had \$450 cash (ten percent) of the vehicle's price. The victims were led to the back of the residence where two masked gunman emerged. Clayton also pulled out a firearm at that time. They ordered the victims onto their knees, went through their pockets and then ordered them onto their stomachs. Clayton and the two unidentified suspects fled with \$450 in cash and a cell phone.

Detectives were able to track down Clayton through subpoenas to AT&T and Craigslist. Clayton confessed to his involvement but failed to disclose who the other two participants were.

Clayton will be sentenced on March 29, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Tom Teodosio. He faces a sentence of up to 28 years in prison.