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Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping and Assaulting Children *Christopher Hendon Admits to Impersonating a Police Officer and Bringing Weapons to Schools*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, January 11, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Christopher Hendon, 26, of Nome Avenue in Akron, pled guilty to a total of 31 charges in connection with several incidents between March 29, 2017 and April 6, 2017.

Hendon pled guilty to the following charges:

- 7 Counts of Kidnapping – felonies of the 2nd degree
- 6 Counts of Abduction – felonies of the 3rd degree
- 15 Counts of Impersonating a Police Officer - felonies of the 3rd 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 5th degree

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

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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.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce is scheduled to sentence Hendon on Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 1pm.