

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

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### **Highland Square Robbers Sentenced**

(February 8, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that late yesterday Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Evin Collins, 22, of Tate Terrace in Akron, to eight years in prison for his role in two robberies in Highland Square in December 2011. Collins pleaded guilty on January 10, 2013 to Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree with a firearm specification; Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree; and Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree.

Collins and three other males kidnapped a woman at gunpoint as she was getting out of her car in her garage in Highland Square. The men took the woman to an ATM to withdraw money and stole her jewelry before releasing her. They also robbed a woman and her two adult children at gunpoint in their home on Johnland Avenue. Collins' accomplices entered guilty pleas on January 7.

Tony Smith, 18, of Madison Avenue in Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree with one firearm specification; Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree; and Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree. He was sentenced the same day to an agreed sentence of 16 years in prison.

Ja'nelle Smith, 17, of Madison Avenue in Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree with one firearm specification; Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree; and Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree. He also pleaded guilty to a third count of Aggravated Robbery for breaking into a home on Mineola Avenue. He was sentenced the same day to an agreed sentence of 16 years in prison.

Demico Smith, 22, of Lafollette Street in Akron, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Robbery, felonies of the first degree with one firearm specification; Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree; and Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree. Judge O'Brien sentenced him January 31 to eight years in prison.