

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced to 30 Years for Attempted Murder of Police Officer

(January 29, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Damond Herrington, 31, of Merton Avenue in Akron, to 30 years in prison for kidnapping and threatening to kill a police officer.

Herrington was sentenced to 10 years for Attempted Murder, consecutive to 10 years for Aggravated Robbery and 5 years for Having a Weapon Under Disability. A 10 year sentence for Kidnapping, 10 year sentence for Felonious Assault, and an eighteen month sentence for Resisting Arrest were run concurrently. Herrington was found guilty by a jury on January 20, 2009.

He was also sentenced to an additional 3 years in prison for firearm specifications and 2 more years due to the Court having found him to be a Repeat Violent Offender, for a total of 30 years in prison.

On June 19, 2008, Officer Ron Kennedy of the Akron Police Department responded to a domestic violence call. Officer Kennedy was attempting to speak with Herrington when Herrington suddenly attacked him. Herrington was able to retrieve the gun from the officer's holster. He then pointed the gun at the officer threatening to kill him. Fortunately, the officer was able to call for backup. When backup arrived, Herrington dropped the gun to his side and ejected the clip, unloading it. Officers were able to tackle Herrington, at which point Herrington resisted arrest. Herrington's mother, Minnie Herrington, jumped on the back of one of the backup officers in an effort to get officers off of her son. Minnie Herrington pled to assault on a police officer on October 16, 2008, and was sentenced to 18 months of Community Control.