

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Guilty verdict on \$5.00 robbery case

(Akron, December 16, 2009) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Roger Robinson, 20, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree, with a three year gun specification. The jury deliberated only two hours before giving its verdict.

Robinson will be sentenced by Judge Paul Gallagher on February 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

On June 3, 2009, at 9:40 a.m. as the victim William Riley was walking down Allyn Street in Akron, a red car with three teenagers drove past him in the opposite direction. The car turned around and Robinson, who was driving, told the other two passengers that they should rob Riley.

Robinson pulled up behind the victim and handed his gun to James Thompson, 17, of Akron (Boundover from Juvenile Court to Common Pleas). Thompson got out of the car and pointed the gun at Riley demanding all of his money. Riley did not comply at first. Robinson then parked the car and got out and started to approach Riley on foot. Riley threw all of his money down (a \$5.00 bill) at the defendants, and ran away.

Riley ran to a neighbor's house and called 911. Twenty minutes later, police arrive at Robinson's house and arrest the three. The gun was recovered in the car.

Robinson was out of jail on bond for Carrying a Concealed Weapon (felony four) and possession of cocaine (felony five) when he committed this crime. Sentencing on that case will be at the same time on February 1.

Co-defendant James Thompson pled guilty to Attempted Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the second degree, Attempted Tampering with Evidence, and a gun specification. He received four years and 10 months in prison. He testified against Robinson at trial.

The third juvenile defendant's case was handled in Juvenile Court.