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Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Breaking Into Multiple Businesses

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, May 5, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that William Harrell, 34, of West Market Street in Akron, pled guilty to breaking into multiple buildings in Akron over a one year period.

Harrell pled guilty to the following charges:

- Six counts of Breaking & Entering – Felonies of the 5th degree

Harrell broke into the following Akron locations:

On July 30, 2019, Akron Police Officers responded to an alarm at the Baho Convenience Store at 460 West Market Street. Officers found the front door of the business shattered. Inside, officers discovered a trail of blood which led them a block away to a home on Oakdale Avenue. They found William Harrell outside the home with lacerations on his hand. Harrell had ripped the store's register from its cords and discarded it. He also stole cigarette cartons. Officers found blood on the store's countertop. DNA taken from the scene matched William Harrell.

On September 8, 2019, Akron Police Officers responded to a home on Crosby Street for a report of a suspicious person inside a vacant house. Officers found William Harrell inside.

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On September 29, 2019, Akron Police Officers responded to the same vacant Crosby Street home as the September 8th incident. Officers arrived and found William Harrell pushing a dryer on a cart down the street. Witnesses told police they saw Harrell remove the dryer from the home.

On April 24, 2020, Akron Police Officers responded to a report of a break-in at the Vintage Goat, located at 451 West Market Street. The owner of the business told police someone broke a rear window of the store and took a cash register and \$1300.00 in US currency. Surveillance video showed William Harrell inside the store.

On April 28, 2020, Akron Police Officers responded to Chez Del Interiors located at 480 West Exchange Street. The owner reported someone broke into the business and stole a television. Officers found blood on the store's front desk as well as near the store's exit. DNA taken from the scene matched William Harrell.

On May 1, 2020, Akron Police Officers responded to Sackmann Stamp and Stencil at 411 West Exchange Street after the owner reported someone broke into the front door and ransacked offices. Investigators determined William Harrell removed the glass door to the building and used a fence post to smash candy dispensers. DNA from the fence post matched William Harrell.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce is scheduled to sentence Harrell on June 10, 2021 at 1pm.