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Akron Teen Sentenced to At Least 9 Years for Aggravated Robbery & Shooting of Gas Station Employee

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, December 12, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Judge Thomas A. Teodosio sentenced Joseph C. Johnson, 18, of Akron, to a prison term of at least 9 years for the aggravated robbery of a gas station employee.

Worthy previously pleaded guilty to the following charge:

- Aggravated Robbery with a Firearm Specification, a Felony of the 1st Degree.

On January 25, 2024, at approximately 12:30, Johnson walked into a gas station located on West Exchange Street in Akron and stole a jar from the counter. An employee of the store chased Johnson down Delia Avenue before Johnson shot him multiple times. The gas station employee suffered significant long-term complications from the shooting, including the loss of his leg.

Johnson was initially charged in the Summit County Juvenile Court because he was a juvenile at the time of the robbery and shooting. But, since Johnson used a firearm and was over the age of 16, the Juvenile Court transferred the case to the Court of Common Pleas, General Division, for disposition in the adult criminal justice system.

“The impact of this crime is no less due to it being committed by a juvenile,” Prosecutor Kolkovich said. “Our thoughts are with the victim, knowing that our community is safer without this offender on the streets and his prison term serves as a reminder that violence has consequences.”

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