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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR REPEAT OFFENDER WHO STOLE CAR WITH TODDLER INSIDE

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Kolkovich announced that Ja'Den White, 22, pleaded guilty for three separate offenses, including stealing a car with a two-year-old inside from the Circle K gas station on East Market Street.

White pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Aggravated Robbery with a three-year Firearm Specification – a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Abduction with a one-year Firearm Specification – a 3rd Degree Felony;
- One count of Discharge of a Firearm with a three-year Firearm Specification – 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Failure to Comply – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“Ja’Den White’s actions were extremely reckless, endangering an innocent child and causing significant fear within his community,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“I want to extend my gratitude to the Akron Police Department for their dedication in pursuing the offender and ensuring the child’s safe recovery and return.”**

In August 2024, surveillance footage captured a highly intoxicated Ja’aDen White firing a handgun at an unknown target at the corner of Talbot Avenue and Lovers Lane. White then entered a gray SUV, traveling northbound on Talbot Avenue to flee the scene. Later that same day, White approached a man waiting for his Lyft driver and offered marijuana in exchange for a ride. When the Lyft driver stopped at Circle K on East Market Street, White attempted to rob the witness. Both the driver and the witness fled the vehicle. A few days later, White returned to the same gas station and stole a vehicle with a child in the backseat. Law enforcement pursued the car for forty minutes before White was stopped and apprehended by police. A firearm was found in the passenger seat.

White is scheduled to be sentenced on May 6, 2025, at 1 p.m. by Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Kelly L. McLaughlin.

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