



# Elliot Kolkovich

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## PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES AT LEAST 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR REPEAT OFFENDER WHO STOLE CAR WITH TODDLER INSIDE

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Kolkovich announced that Ja'Den White, 22, was sentenced to 15 to 16.5 years in prison for three separate offenses, including stealing a car with a two-year-old inside from the Circle K gas station on East Market Street.

In March, White pleaded guilty to the following charges:

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

**“Ja'Den White's actions endangered an innocent child, caused great fear in our community, and could have had led to something even worse. I am grateful he will be spending time in prison so that he can't harm another innocent victim. I also want to thank the Akron Police Department and my assistant prosecutors for their collaborative efforts in bringing White to justice,”** said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In August 2024, surveillance footage captured a highly intoxicated Ja'Den 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.

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