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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES 59 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR VEHICLE CHASE THAT INJURED OFFICERS

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Mikal Gamble, 32, was sentenced to 59 months in prison yesterday for leading multiple high-speed police chases, damaging vehicles and an apartment building in Akron, and injuring officers while fleeing arrest. Gamble also received a 6-year driver's license suspension and ordered to pay \$17,647.10 in restitution for Akron Police cruiser damages.

In September, Gamble pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- Two counts of Failure to Comply with an Order or Signal of a Police Officer – a 3rd Degree Felony;
- One count of Inducing Panic – a 4th Degree Felony;
- Two counts of Vandalism – one a 4th Degree Felony and the other a 5th Degree Felony; and
- One count of Criminal Damaging or Endangering – a 2nd Degree Misdemeanor.

“I want to recognize the coordinated efforts of the many police departments across Summit County who worked together to locate and apprehend Mikal Gamble,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“This was a highly dangerous situation and while thankfully no civilians were harmed, several officers were injured. I commend those officers for their courage and dedication in keeping our community safe.”**

In May, a Macedonia Police officer observed a vehicle traveling 129 mph in a 65-mph zone on I-271. The officer initiated a pursuit and saw the driver, Mikal Gamble, make several erratic lane changes before ending the chase due to Gamble's excessive speed, providing dispatch with the vehicle's description and direction toward Stow and Cuyahoga Falls. Cuyahoga Falls Police soon located the vehicle and pursued it as it swerved dangerously between other motorists. The chase was terminated to reduce risk to civilians, and information was relayed to Akron Police. Shortly after, Akron officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Tate Terrace and found the suspect vehicle, which had been rammed into a resident's car and an apartment building, causing major damage and a gas leak that led to an evacuation. When officers arrived, Gamble fled again, striking a police cruiser during the attempt. After a brief chase, officers cornered him on a dead-end street, where he repeatedly rammed a cruiser before being pinned against a tree and taken into custody after resisting arrest. Officers whose cruisers were struck were taken to the hospital for treatment of their injuries.

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