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**STATEMENT
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Re: State of Ohio v. Devin Washington

November 24, 2008

Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced that a motion was filed to transfer the case involving 17 year old **Devin Washington** to adult court for two Huber Heights robberies.

The defendant, along with another juvenile who brandished what appeared to be a firearm, is accused of robbing an individual of his wallet and cell phone on November 7, 2008. In the second incident, the next day, November 8, 2008, also in Huber Heights, the same defendants attempted to rob two victims, again brandishing an apparent firearm. The victims in this incident observed that the "gun" was not real and they refused to comply.

The defendant was arrested and detained on November 17, 2008.

The defendant has been charged with three counts of Robbery, which is a felony of the third degree. If prosecuted in Juvenile Court, the maximum possible sentence would be a commitment to the Department of Youth services until age 21. As the defendant is 17 years of age, this would amount to a maximum commitment of less than 4 years. Under Ohio law, upon reaching age 21, he would be released and would be under no further post release control. If convicted as an adult, the defendant faces up to 5 years incarceration on each count.

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. said, "This juvenile is currently on probation for Carrying a Concealed Weapon – he was just convicted in July of this year. Now, just four months later, he is out robbing people. It is obvious that in the Juvenile system, he has not learned from his prior mistakes, and needs further incarceration and more intense supervision."

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