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Repeat Violent Offender Sentenced for Three Robberies

Defendant Previously Convicted of Three Burglaries and Two Robberies

State v. Anthony Shawn Edwards, 2015-CR-3334

DAYTON, OH (1/21/2016) – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **Anthony S. Edwards**, 35, was sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison for committing three robberies of businesses on Linden Avenue in Dayton.

On September 24, 2015, the defendant entered the Avenue Salon on Linden Avenue in Dayton armed with a box cutter. He ordered the female employee to give him the money in the cash register, which she did. The defendant fled the scene.

On October 18, 2015, the defendant walked into the Kwik n' Kold drive-thru on Linden Avenue, this time armed with a butcher knife. He held the female employee at knife point and took the cash directly from the cash register before fleeing.

On October 29, 2015, armed with a large butcher knife, the defendant entered K's Salon on Linden Avenue and ordered the female employee to empty the cash register. The employee informed the defendant the cash register was empty and took money from her purse to give to the defendant. Surveillance video lead police to a nearby home where they located the defendant.

Today the defendant was sentenced to a total of 12 years in prison after being found guilty of three counts of Aggravated Robbery with a deadly weapon with Repeat Violent Offender (RVO) specifications on each count. RVO specifications are for defendants who have been previously convicted of a first- or second-degree felony offense of violence. RVO specifications require the court to sentence the defendant to the maximum 11 years plus an additional 1-10 years.

Previously, the defendant was convicted of burglarizing homes in August 2002 and October 2002 for which he was given probation. In May of 2003 he was convicted of burglarizing another home and his probation was revoked and he was sentenced to a total of two years incarceration (the minimum sentence) for all three burglaries. In 2009 he was convicted of robbing two other businesses on Linden Avenue and was sentenced to a total of 3 years (again, the minimum sentence) on each count consecutively. The defendant was on parole when he committed the three most recent robberies, having been released from prison just six months earlier.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant was given probation twice, was placed on post-release control by the state parole board, and still refused to abide by the law. We argued and recommended that the defendant be sentenced to 21 years on each count. However, the judge sentenced the defendant to the minimum sentence. This defendant is a repeat, serial, violent offender, who must be imprisoned in order keep our community safe. His prior prison sentences have only served as a "time out" for his criminal activity."

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