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Akron Man Sentenced to Four Years in Prison for Assaulting Police Officer

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, March 22, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that David Duffield, 23, of Nestor Avenue in Akron was sentenced to four years in prison for several charges, including trying to run over an Akron police officer.

On January 13, 2017, a Summit County jury found Duffield guilty of the following charges:

- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 1st degree
- Grand Theft – a felony of the 4th degree
- Obstructing Official Business – a felony of the 5th degree

On November 27, 2015, Akron Police attempted to arrest Duffield on an outstanding warrant for domestic violence and violating a temporary protection order. Officers tracked Duffield, who was hiding behind a home on Ivor Avenue. As officers approached on foot, Duffield jumped into a police cruiser, put the cruiser in reverse and drove toward an Akron Police Officer. The Officer jumped out of the way of the vehicle and fired several shots at Duffield. Duffield was struck in the shoulder. The vehicle eventually came to rest against a fence across the street. The officer was not injured in the incident.