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## Two Women Indicted for Several Robberies in Lakewood and Cleveland Area Including Robbery at Happy's Pizza in November 2021

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Tamara McLoyd, 18, and Jada Hite, 18, for several robberies in the Cleveland area in November 2021.

On November 2, 2021, at 9:35 p.m. Jada Hite and an unknown male approached the victim, 22, from behind on Bunts Road in Lakewood. Hite pressed a gun to the victim's back and proceeded to rob the victim taking a debit card, a cell phone, jewelry, and \$105 in cash. Afterward, Hite and the unknown male fled the scene in Hite's vehicle. The victim called the police and the Lakewood Police Department (LPD) responded to the scene.

Later that evening at 10:54 p.m., Jada Hite, Tamara McLoyd (five days after being placed on probation for a home invasion robbery in Lorain County by Judge Frank Janik), and an unknown male used Hite's vehicle to drive to Happy's Pizza on Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. Once arriving, they entered through a back door as the victims, 25 and 32, were closing the restaurant. They approached the employees with two guns and demanded the employees open the drawers. The unknown male struck one victim multiple times in the head with the gun. Afterward, McLoyd, Hite, and the unknown male stole \$300 out of the register. They then forced the employees to the back office where the unknown male struck both victims with the gun. Additionally, McLoyd, Hite, and the unknown male stole a handgun and car keys from the employees before fleeing the scene. The victims called the police and the Cleveland Division of Police (CDP) responded to the scene.

Also, on that same evening at 11:49 p.m., McLoyd and an unknown male approached the victim, 58, as she was walking home near Lee Road and Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights. They held the victim at gunpoint and stole her purse. Afterward, Jada Hite drove McLoyd and the unknown male away in her vehicle. A nearby Cleveland Heights police officer witnessed the incident and saw McLoyd and the unknown male run to the vehicle, enter the vehicle, and speed off before being flagged down by the victim on scene. After searching the area and locating the vehicle, the Cleveland Heights police officer attempted to pull them over and they continued to flee. The Cleveland Heights Police Department (CHPD) then responded to the scene.

On November 4, 2021, at 9:34 p.m., Hite and an unknown male approached the victim, 33, on Edgewater Drive in Lakewood. They robbed the victim at gunpoint and took \$60 in cash, a cell phone, a pair of earrings, and a bottle of wine. Afterward, Hite and the unknown male fled the scene. The victim called the police and the LPD responded to the scene.

The investigation is being conducted by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Crime Strategies Unit, LPD, CDP, and CHPD and remains ongoing.



Tamara McLoyd has been indicted for two of the above incidents on the following charges:

- **Two counts of Felonious Assault**
- **Four counts of Aggravated Robbery**
- **Two counts of Kidnapping**
- **One count of Improperly Handling Firearms In A Motor Vehicle**
- **One count of Having Weapons Under Disability**

Jada Hite has been indicted for all the above incidents on the following charges:

- **Two counts of Felonious Assault**
- **Six counts of Aggravated Robbery**
- **Two counts of Kidnapping**
- **One count of Failure To Comply**
- **One count of Improperly Handling Firearms In A Motor Vehicle**

McLoyd and Hite will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.

You can view the indictment [here](#).