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## **Serial Armed Robber Sentenced to 20 – 23 Years in Prison for Crime Spree in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn Neighborhood and Surrounding Areas**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Stephan Jackson, 22, was sentenced for six armed robberies committed in Cleveland and Parma.

"Jackson was an urban terrorist who robbed numerous people at gunpoint," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "This plea encompasses six different robberies, including one where he shot the victim. The streets of Cleveland are far safer with him in prison for decades."

On December 23, 2018, Jackson robbed a gas station at gunpoint on Broadview Road near Montclair Avenue in Cleveland. He pointed a gun at an employee, 58, demanded money, and fled the scene after stealing approximately \$500.

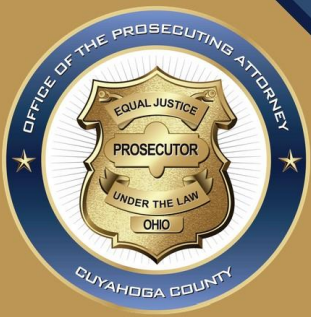
On January 1, 2019, Jackson robbed another gas station on Pearl Road near Bradwell Avenue in Cleveland. He pointed a gun at two employees, 46 and 31, who then locked themselves in a back office and called police as Jackson fled the scene.

Later that day, Jackson, Vincent Walker, 31, and another male robbed two victims, 24 and 19, at their residence on Mayview Avenue near Broadview Road in Cleveland. When the victims returned to their residence, one of the males – pretending to be a food delivery driver – approached them on their porch while the other two hid nearby. The male dropped a delivery bag, pulled out a firearm, and demanded the victims' keys while the other two males approached. They stole the victims' wallets and a phone and forced them inside the residence. When Walker and the other male raided the house, the victims tried to escape through a back door before Jackson shot at them, striking one victim in the torso. Jackson, Walker, and the other suspect all fled the scene.

On January 2, 2019, Jackson robbed a gas station at gunpoint on Rocky River Drive near Larchwood Avenue in Cleveland. He pointed a gun at an employee, 26, demanded everything, and threatened to kill the victim if he did not comply. Jackson stole cash from the register and attempted to steal a lottery box before fleeing the scene.

On January 4, 2019, Jackson robbed a convenience store at gunpoint on Spring Road near South Hills Drive in Cleveland. He pointed a gun at an employee, 25, threatened his life, and stole cigars and approximately \$300 before fleeing the scene.

On September 22, 2019, Jackson and another male broke into a residence on Essen Avenue near West 79th Street in Parma. The victim, 24, was asleep when the two broke in through a window in the middle of the night, pointed a gun at him, pistol-whipped and punched him in the head while threatening his life. They forced him out of his bedroom while naked, ordered him to run from his house, stole over \$2,000 and drove away.



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Jackson has pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **Five counts of Aggravated Robbery**
- **Two counts of Felonious Assault**
- **One count of Burglary**

The Cleveland Division of Police and Parma Police Department investigated the cases and identified Jackson through video surveillance and DNA evidence left on scenes. Multiple eyewitness accounts, along with Jackson's own confessions, connected him to the crimes as well.

Jackson was sentenced to a range of 20 to 23 years in prison. He was sentenced under "The Reagan Tokes Law," which implements an indefinite sentencing system for non-life felonies of the first and second-degree in which the judge imposes both a minimum term (from the current sentencing range) and a maximum term (that includes an additional 50% of the minimum term imposed). The Ohio Department of Corrections will review the case and Jackson's behavior after he has served 20 years and will make a determination as to whether he should be released.