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Two Cleveland Men Indicted on Six Aggravated Robberies in Cleveland and Euclid

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Xhyair Bennett, 20, and Errol Bankston, 18, for six aggravated robberies in Cleveland and Euclid.

"These individuals committed six robberies in 12 days at stores in Cleveland and Euclid," said Prosecutor O'Malley. "Thankfully, the hard work of the Cleveland Division of Police and Euclid Police Department brought this crime spree to an end."

On March 22, 2023, Xhyair Bennett and Errol Bankston entered a Family Dollar near Superior Avenue and East 74th Street in Cleveland. They approached the store clerk at the register with a \$10 bill. When the clerk opened the register, they pointed a gun and said, "give me everything you got." They grabbed all the money in the register and then fled the scene. The Cleveland Division of Police responded to the scene.

Later that day, Bennett and Bankston entered a Dollar General near Superior Avenue and East 51st Street in Cleveland. They walked around the store for approximately 20 minutes and attempted to distract the other employees from the register. Then, they approached the store clerk at the register with a gun and demanded her to open the register. They grabbed all the money in the register and then fled the scene. The CPD responded to the scene.

On March 24, Bennett and Bankston entered a Dollar General near St. Clair Avenue and East 79th Street in Cleveland. They approached the store clerk at the register with a box of cereal and a \$20 bill. When the clerk opened the register, they pointed a gun and said, "give me the money." They grabbed all the money in the register and demanded him to open a second register. The clerk was unable to open it and then they fled the scene. The CPD responded to the scene.

On March 26, Bennett and Bankston entered a Rite Aid near Superior Avenue and East 53rd Street in Cleveland. They walked around the store and approached the store clerk with candy. When the clerk opened the register, they reached over to her and said, "give me that" while holding a gun. The clerk gave them all the money in the register, and then fled the scene. The CPD responded to the scene.

On April 2, Bennett and Bankston entered a Walgreens near Euclid Avenue and Dille Road in Euclid. They approached the store clerk at the register with a bag of candy. When the clerk opened the register, they pointed a gun at him and demanded the clerk to leave the register open and to not move. They grabbed all the money in the register, and then fled the scene. The Euclid Police Department responded to the scene.

On April 3, Bennett and Bankston entered a Dollar General near St. Clair Avenue and East 105th Street in Cleveland. They approached the store clerk at the register with store items. When the clerk opened the register, they pointed a gun at her and said they were taking the money. They grabbed all the money in the



register, confronted a security guard, and then fled the scene. The CPD responded to the scene. Bennett was arrested later that day.

Xhyair Bennett was indicted on the following charges:

- **Six counts of Aggravated Robbery**
- **Six counts of Robbery**
- **One count of Carrying A Concealed Weapon**

Errol Bankston was indicted on the following charges:

- **Five counts of Aggravated Robbery**
- **Five counts of Robbery**

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

They will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.