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**Shamar Smiley Pleads Guilty to Multiple Cases,
Including Shooting of CWRU Student**

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Shamar Smiley, 18, pled guilty to indicted charges related to four cases that occurred between March 8, 2018 and November 3, 2018.

“Smiley’s continuous disregard for the law posed an imminent threat to our community,” said Prosecutor O'Malley. “The collaborative work of multiple law enforcement agencies helped bring his crime wave to an end.”

On March 8, 2018, Smiley and a male accomplice approached a 66-year-old victim in a Lakewood restaurant parking lot near W. 117 St and Franklin Boulevard. The victim was brushing snow off his car after closing the restaurant he owned when Smiley and the accomplice stole his vehicle and drove off. The vehicle was found the following day by the Cleveland Police Department. DNA samples taken from the vehicle traced to Smiley.

On October 6, 2018, Smiley escaped from Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) in Cleveland. He and co-defendant Jason Vaughn, 44, rammed through an exterior door and ran away. Smiley was required to complete a six-month program at CBCF for two prior cases.

On October 8, 2018, Smiley broke into his mother’s Cleveland residence near Harvard Ave and Lee Rd while she was away from the home. He smashed a side door window and stole healthcare products from the home before fleeing the scene as police arrived. Fingerprints found on the exterior windowpane matched to Smiley.

On November 3, 2018, Smiley and Javon Williams, 19, approached a 20-year-old student in a parking lot on the campus of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and demanded his car keys. While the victim was attempting to get his keys, Smiley shot him in the stomach and both defendants ran away. The victim was transported to the hospital and required emergency surgery.

CWRU Police, University Circle Police (UCPD), and Cleveland Police responded to the scene and arrested Williams in a parking lot near E. 120 St. and Coltman Road. UCPD located Smiley in a nearby

field and ordered him out of a ditch. Smiley shot at officers who returned fire. Smiley was transported to a hospital for treatment and was subsequently arrested.

Smiley pled guilty to the following charges related to the 4 incidents:

- 1 count of Attempted Murder (with 1 and 3-year Firearm Specifications)
- 2 counts of Aggravated Robbery (with 1 and 3-year Firearm Specifications)
- 5 counts of Felonious Assault (with 1 and 3-year Firearm Specifications)
- 1 count of Robbery
- 1 count of Burglary
- 1 count of Theft
- 1 count of Criminal Damaging or Endangering
- 1 count of Escape

The investigation was conducted by Cleveland Police, University Circle Police, CWRU Police, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office, Lakewood Police, and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office.

Javon Williams case is currently scheduled for trial on July 23, 2019. He faces charges of Attempted Murder, Aggravated Robbery, and Felonious Assault. Shamar Smiley's sentencing date is set for August 19, 2019.

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