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Crime Spree Leads to 21-Year Sentence

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that Joseph Feliciano was sentenced yesterday to 21 years in prison for a series of crimes he committed in 2016.

- On July 31, Feliciano, 21, was charged with Aggravated Menacing for threatening the life of a 27-year-old female victim through a series of phone calls.
- On September 8, Feliciano was in a drive-through line at the U.S Bank on Lorain Avenue. He pulled out of the line and parked, which allowed the car behind him to proceed to the teller. He followed that car to a drug store on Franklin Avenue and waited for the 64-year-old woman to complete her shopping. When she returned to her car, he and an unknown accomplice blocked her vehicle, pulled guns, and took her car, cash, and a ring.
- Later that day, a female victim withdrew money from Ace Check Express on Lorain Avenue. While she walked back to her car with her three children, the defendant threatened them with a gun and demanded the money she had just withdrawn.
- On September 20, the defendant approached a 52-year-old Cleveland Clinic employee who was exiting her car in a parking lot on Cedar Avenue. He demanded her jewelry and grabbed for her handbag. As she tried to hold on to the handbag, he struck her several times in the head with his gun and dragged her until she dropped her purse.

Last month, Feliciano pled guilty to Menacing by Stalking, Felonious Assault, three counts of Robbery, and two counts of Having Weapons While Under Disability.

"We will not tolerate these criminals who terrorize the hardworking citizens of our community," said O'Malley. "I commend Judge John Sutula for giving an appropriate sentence to this violent offender"