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**Press Release**

**State of Ohio vs. Michael A. Dodson, Case # 09CR0090**

On Monday November 15, 2010 a Seneca County jury convicted Michael A. Dodson of the offenses of attempted murder and aggravated robbery relating to the January 24, 2004 attack at the Subway Restaurant on Countyline Street, Fostoria. The jury had commenced deliberations on Friday afternoon and returned a verdict shortly after 10:00 a.m. this morning. The trial was in Judge Shuff's court.

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine represented the State of Ohio at trial. After the trial, he commented that he was pleased that the jury had returned guilty verdicts on both of the counts. He said, "The Victim and her family have endured a lengthy and difficult process." DeVine further commented: "Officer Wedge and the Fostoria Police Department are to be congratulated for the determined investigation of this matter. When Gabe Wedge picked up this file he was determined to see justice done. He has succeeded."

Seneca County Prosecutor Derek W. DeVine added: "We also appreciate the assistance we received during the trial from the Tiffin Police Department, especially Detective Boyer, and the Seneca County Sheriff's Department."

Judge Shuff has scheduled the hearing on the adjudication of the Repeat Violent Offender Specification for Thursday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. If convicted of the specifications, Mr. Dodson faces a maximum possible sentence of 40 years. The defendant was represented at trial by Upper Sandusky attorney Mary Snyder.