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**Karl S. Beem, the hospital-shuttle driver, is charged in the case.**

would have required him and Newsom to "have gone out of our way," White said.

"So, in order to be expedient, you chose a dangerous route, as opposed to a route that would have been safe?" Shamansky asked.

"At the time, I would never have imagined that was a dangerous route," White replied.

Assistant City Attorney Cynthia Peterson played a security-camera video of the crash, which shows the shuttle bus swerving toward the curb and construction fencing just before striking the men.

The shuttle sideswiped the fence, which was pushed back a couple of feet by the impact, said Rick Wright, the general superintendent for the construction project. He testified that he was behind the fence when it was struck, then encountered Beem, who told him, "I didn't see them. I called 911."

The vehicular-homicide charge, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail for a conviction, requires prosecutors to prove that Beem negligently caused the death by driving with "a substantial lack of due



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## Heave-ho for honeysuckle

Jared Krauss, 27, and other volunteers from AmeriCorps hoist a honeysuckle branch that was cut down at Whetstone Park in Clintonville. The volunteers, working with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, removed invasive honeysuckle from the park yesterday.

### Crime & the courts

# Man who robbed women gets 24 years

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Investigators aren't sure how many women were robbed and terrorized by Clinton Agbor during crime binges in July 2012 and March 2013, mostly in the University, Clintonville and Grandview Heights areas.

He was sentenced yesterday to 24 years in prison after pleading guilty to aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, kidnapping and robbery involving 14 women.

The original indictment included crimes against 19 women, and

**Clinton Agbor, 21, asked for forgiveness: "I take full responsibility for my actions, my terrible actions."**

court. "I take full responsibility for my actions, my terrible actions," he said.

The sentence imposed by Common Pleas Judge Stephen L. McIntosh was recommended by the prosecution and defense attorney Sam Shamansky as part of a plea bargain.

Agbor, who was credited with the 473 days he has spent in jail, will be eligible to apply for judicial release after serving 12 years. Prosecutors will

who were outside their houses or apartments.

The crimes began on July 11, 2012, when he robbed two women at gunpoint in a home on E. 14th Avenue. Four days later, he robbed three women on the front porch of a home on E. Patterson Avenue, taking cash and cell-phones.

In several of the 2013 cases, he tried carjacking but fled when the women

in Clintonville.

A piece of a replica handgun containing Agbor's DNA was found near the scene. His DNA also was recovered from a ski mask that was left at the scene of an attempted armed robbery on Everwood Avenue.

Agbor had been indicted after the 2012 crimes, but McIntosh placed him on house arrest with electronic monitoring while awaiting trial. When he was arrested during his second series of crimes, he was wearing the ankle monitoring bracelet.

McIntosh said yester-