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dow. He testified yesterday at the Summit County Courthouse.

## DISPLAY OF FORCE

# Jury watches breaking point of taxi window

• Exhibit part of self-defense claim in murder trial

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An Akron auto glass company hired to break a window in Russell Dossie's taxicab hit it 12 times with a bowling ball before the glass finally shattered.

But when it did, there was a noise as loud as a gunshot and an explosion of glass fragments.

A videotape of the test to determine how much force it took to break the glass and what the result would be was shown to jurors yesterday in Russell Dossie's murder trial.

Defense attorney Kirk Migdal had a door from Dossie's cab brought to the Summit County Courthouse to give jurors a live demonstration, but Common Pleas Judge John R. Adams wouldn't allow it for safety reasons.

Dossie, 47, is charged with murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, carrying a concealed weapon, tampering with evidence (for hiding the gun in a trash bin) and being a felon in possession of a firearm in the July 4 death of Mark Russell.

The shooting took place while Russell's van and Dossie's taxi were pinned in heavy traffic on Tallmadge Avenue after Akron's holiday fireworks show.

Police describe the incident as the first death in the city attributed to "road rage."

Testimony in the trial has been that Russell, 35, became enraged



A videotape of Russell Dossie's cab window being broken is shown to jurors yesterday during Dossie's murder trial.

after Dossie's cab cut off Russell's van at Dayton Street and East Tallmadge Avenue. Russell's wife, Barbara, was driving.

When the van and the cab were stopped for a light on the Tallmadge Avenue bridge over state Route 8, Russell left the van, walked to Dossie's cab and smashed his fist through the driver's window, witnesses said.

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