

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced To Sixteen Years for Rape, Domestic Violence

(April 21, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Robert Winston, 28, of Victoria Street in Akron, was sentenced to sixteen years in prison by Judge Hunter. Winston was found guilty in March, 2009 by a jury of **Kidnapping**, a first degree felony, two counts of **Rape**, first degree felonies, **Aggravated Burglary**, a first degree felony, **Domestic Violence**, a fourth degree felony, **Gross Sexual Imposition**, a fourth degree felony, **Stalking**, a fourth degree felony, and **Domestic Violence**, a second degree misdemeanor. Additionally, he was sentenced to five years post-release control to be served after he is released from prison, and has to register as a Tier III sexual predator. As a Tier III sexual predator – the highest level – Winston is required to register his place of residence every 90 days for the remainder of his life.

The victim in this case is the 21-year-old mother of Winston's son. Winston and the victim were no longer together. On November 21, 2008, Winston called victim repeatedly, wanting to come over after being at the bars. Victim told him no, but he went to her apartment anyway and pounded on her door. Winston was intoxicated and victim believed he was going to kick in the door so she let him in. Once inside, they argued and he assaulted her, banging her head against the door and hitting her. She fled out of the apartment and he chased her and pulled her back inside. He then proceeded to hit and kick her further and pulled a knife on her and raped her. Her two small children were present in the apartment at the time and woke up to the assault. After he fell asleep, she called 911.