

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Former Teacher's Assistant Sentenced to Life in Prison for Rape

(June 26, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that D'Juan Shabazz Shields, 40, of Jean Street in Akron, pleaded guilty in the middle of his trial to Rape of a Child Under 13, a felony of the first degree, and four counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, felonies of the third degree.

Shields raped and sexually assaulted two young girls in 2011 and 2012. At the time of his arrest, Shields was a teacher's assistant at Hyre Middle School, where he worked with autistic children. Neither victim was a student at the school.

Visiting Judge Robert Brown immediately sentenced Shields to life in prison and deemed him a Tier III sex offender. Shields will be eligible for parole after serving 10 years.