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### **Uniontown Man Sentenced to Prison for Stealing From Elderly**

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, April 18, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Allan Vertucci, 41, of Beechtree Drive in Uniontown was sentenced to three years in prison, and ordered to pay over \$87,000 in restitution, for stealing from an elderly Summit County couple.

On January 29, 2016, a Summit County Jury found Vertucci guilty of the following charge:

- Theft from a Person in a Protected Class – a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

“Mr. Vertucci took this couple’s money; money they spent their whole lives earning. He preyed upon the people who deserve our protection,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Mr. Vertucci destroyed their home room by room, and gave them nothing of value in return.”

The exact amount of restitution Mr. Vertucci was ordered to pay is \$87,617.50.

Allan Vertucci was a self-employed contractor who owned Allan Vertucci Construction. Vertucci was originally hired by the couple to replace the roof and windows of their Copley home. He later was paid to repair the septic tank system, waterproof the home’s basement, and repair other items in the home. The couple paid Vertucci in excess of \$80,000 over two years for the work. Vertucci did not complete all of the work and investigators found the work he did complete was substandard. Vertucci also removed items from the home, including a bathtub and doors.

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The Summit County Health Department determined the home's septic system was a health code violation as a result of Vertucci's substandard work. Inspectors found a puddle containing human waste in the home's front yard.