

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man guilty of rape and kidnapping

(August 2, 2010) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Julian Debruce, 29, of Akron, was found guilty of two counts of Rape and one count of Kidnapping, felonies of the first degree.

Judge Thomas Teodosio will sentence Debruce on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

On March 26, 2010, a woman left a bar and went to a friend's house with Debruce. Debruce and the victim knew each other. Debruce asked to speak to the victim in the bathroom and while in the bathroom, Debruce punched the victim. The victim ran across the street to a neighbor's house for help, but Debruce followed her. A man answered the door and when Debruce threatened the man, he quickly closed the door. Debruce manhandled the victim to the Summit Lake area (over a mile and a half from the house) where he raped her. He also threatened to kill her.

Debruce pulled the hoodie of her sweatshirt over her face and led her into what was later found to be his sister's apartment and told her not to say anything or he would kill her. He then repeatedly raped her. The following morning he let her go. The victim walked to the Lakeshore Convenience Store and called her mother, who called the police. A rape kit was performed at the SANE Unit and Debruce's DNA was found.