

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man sentenced to 17 years in prison for Abduction

(July 7, 2011... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Mohamed Zoubaier, 28, of Orlando, Florida and Cleveland, was sentenced by Tammy O'Brien to 17 years in prison for the abduction of a stranded motorist.

Zoubaier was found guilty by a jury on June 9, 2011 of Kidnapping, a first degree felony, a Firearm Specification, two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability, third degree felonies, and two counts of Carrying Concealed Weapons, a fourth degree felony. He was found Not Guilty of Rape.

On July 11, 2009, the victim's car broke down as she was driving from Canton to Akron on I-77 around 2:00 a.m. As she was sitting on the side of the road, Zoubaier pulled up and offered her assistance.

The victim let Zoubaier give her a ride. He stopped at a gas station and then took her to the Red Roof motel, under the guise that he would pay for her to stay the night alone.

When they entered the motel room, he pulled out a gun and told her, "I did you a favor, now you owe me one." At this point, the victim said he raped her, watched her take a shower and then left.

She immediately exited the room and told a motel employee. The police responded and processed the room. The police knew his identity, but did not know where to locate him.

Semen was found on towels in the room. DNA from the towels matched Zoubaier. Zoubaier had denied ever being in the victim's room.