



**NEWS**  
**For Immediate Release:**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2014**

**CONTACT: Faye Nicholson**  
**Phone: (330) 643-8386**

**Prosecutor Walsh is asking for your support to keep Willie Lagway in Prison**

**AKRON, OHIO – December 18, 2014** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh is asking for your help to keep Willie Lagway (Criminal Case No. 83-02-0232) in prison. The Ohio Parole Board is considering Lagway's release at a parole board hearing in February.

From February 10 -14, 1983, Lagway, 27, went on a five-day crime spree victimizing six women in Summit County. Willie Lagway kidnapped two friends walking to a car in the Akron Children's Hospital parking deck, one from Akron Children's Hospital parking lot, one from Gold Circle in Barberton and one woman from TransOhio Savings Bank in downtown Akron. All the victims were robbed and two were raped. Lagway was armed with a knife and threatened the victims with their lives if they did not comply with his demands. Lagway didn't just commit these crimes and leave. He terrorized these women for hours and before leaving each victim, he copied the information on their driver's licenses, including their addresses. For his crimes, Lagway was sentenced to a minimum sentence of 109 years and a maximum sentence of 375 years.

After his arrest, while being questioned about the abductions and robberies near Children's Hospital, Lagway stated, "I'm an ex-con and a sinner and a heathen. Do your job. The more I suffer on earth the better it will be for me."

Prosecutor Walsh stated, "Willie Lagway should never be released from prison. His lengthy criminal record began as a juvenile with violence escalating with each crime. He is an extremely violent man and we believe he will victimize again if released. He forever changed the lives of his victims and the physical and emotional torture he inflicted on each of them still torments them today."

We are asking for the public's help in keeping this dangerous man in prison.

Please send letters to:  
Ohio Parole Board  
770 West Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43222

Please include Lagway's name and Inmate Number A173689  
on each page of the correspondence