

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Burks Receives Four Life Sentences without Parole for Raping Young Girls**

(May 29, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Jeffery M. Burks, 54, of Baird Street in Akron, to four consecutive mandatory terms of life in prison without parole plus an additional 20 years in prison.

Burks sexually assaulted two girls when they stayed at his Akron home overnight on three occasions in 2012 and 2013. One girl was eight at the time, the other was six.

"Today we got justice for not only these two young girls, but also the many other people Jeffery Burks has sexually abused throughout his life," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Hopefully knowing that Burks will never be released from prison brings a measure of relief to everyone he terrorized."

On April 18, a jury found Burks guilty of four counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree, and four counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, felonies of the third degree, after deliberating less than an hour.

Judge O'Brien further found Burks to be a Sexually Violent Predator because of a lengthy history of sexually abusing young girls. He was convicted of Gross Sexual Imposition involving a young child. In 1997 Burks was sentenced to nine years in prison for two counts of Rape involving an 11-year-old and a 14-year-old.