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### **Akron Man Found Guilty of Kidnapping & Beating Woman**

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, September 21, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found John Lewis, 45, of Springdale Street in Akron, guilty of kidnapping and beating a woman.

Jurors found Lewis guilty on all counts:

- Kidnapping – a felony of the first degree
- Felonious Assault – a felony of the second degree
- Abduction – a felony of the third degree
- Menacing by Stalking – a felony of the fourth degree
- Domestic Violence – a misdemeanor of the first degree

The victim and Lewis had been in an on-again, off-again relationship over eight years. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, following a long period of harassment and stalking, the victim accepted a ride from Lewis to discuss their relationship. Lewis drove back to his home, where he beat the victim, and then dragged her into his home. In an attempt to escape, the victim jumped from the porch and broke her leg. Lewis then carried the victim to his basement, where he left her for over seven hours before calling for help.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Paul Gallagher will sentence Lewis on October 30, 2015 at 10 am.