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Akron Man Found Guilty of Multiple Rapes

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, January 15, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found Kevin Dasen, 42, of Newell Street in Akron, guilty of rape and sexual battery.

Jurors found Dasen guilty of the following charges:

- 12 counts of Rape – felonies of the 1st degree
- Seven counts of Sexual Battery – felonies of the 3rd degree

The 19-year-old victim, who was diagnosed with wide-spectrum Aspergers disorder when she was 9-years-old, reported she had been raped by Dasen repeatedly for six years, beginning when she was 13-years-old. Dasen took the stand in his own defense and admitted to having sex with the victim over 100 times.

Avery II, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office facility dog, sat with the victim as she testified. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office received Avery II in August of 2013 from Canine Companions for Independence. Avery is a highly trained four-year-old Labrador/Retriever mix facility dog, whose primary job is providing emotional support to adults with developmental disabilities and children who are victims of crime. Since 2013, Avery II has been involved in over 80 cases in Summit County

Dasen is scheduled to be sentenced on March 2, 2016 at 1:30pm.