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### **Akron Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Multiple Rapes Involving Girls Under 10-Years-Old**

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, March 08, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Thomas Parker sentenced Daniel Austin, 26, of Hillman Road in Akron, to Life in Prison for repeatedly raping two girls under the age of 10. Austin will be eligible for parole after 35 years.

On January 26, 2016 a Summit County jury found Austin guilty of the following charges:

- Eight counts of Rape – felonies of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Ten counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

“The pain Daniel Austin inflicted on his victims continues to this day. His actions ripped apart his family,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “As Mr. Austin serves his life sentence behind bars, hopefully the victims will be able to recover from the lifetime of devastation he caused.”

Austin was also labeled a Tier III sex offender. If he is released from prison, Austin will have to register with the sheriff’s department every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Late last year, one of the victims disclosed that Austin raped her every day from the time she was 5-years-old until she was 10-years-old. A second victim also disclosed she was repeatedly raped by Austin over a period of eight years.