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Akron Man Sentenced to 70 Years in Prison for Multiple Rapes

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, March 02, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Lynne Callahan sentenced Kevin Dasen, 42, of Newell Street in Akron, to 70 years in prison for multiple rapes. The 70 year sentence is a mandatory sentence.

On January 15, 2016, a Summit County Jury 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.

“I am pleased to know Kevin Dasen will not be a threat to anyone anymore. Dasen manipulated, groomed, and preyed upon a developmentally disabled teen,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “He showed no remorse for his actions and has not taken any responsibility for what he did.”

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

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Avery II, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office facility dog, sat with the victim during today's sentencing, as well as when she testified during trial. 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