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Akron Man Convicted of All Counts in Cold Case Rape Trial

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, October 11, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Efrem Johnson, 57, of Raymond Street in Akron, guilty of all counts in connection with the rape of a woman in 2000.

Jurors found Johnson guilty of the following charges:

- One Count of Rape – a felony of the 1st degree
- One Count of Kidnapping – a felony of the 1st degree
- One Count of Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree

In August of 2000, Johnson lured a woman from an Akron street into nearby woods, where he beat and raped her. DNA collected from the victim following the attack was matched to Johnson in 2014.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Paul Gallagher is scheduled to sentence Johnson on November 16 at 9am.

Johnson is currently serving a life sentence for the March 2010 murder of 24-year-old Jacob Courie. Courie was serving in the Army at the time and was on leave when he was shot by Johnson while walking on East Exchange Street in Akron.