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### **Tallmadge Man Sentenced to Two Life Sentences for Rape of 12-Year-Old**

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, October 26, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Patrick Renaud, 49, who lived in Tallmadge at the time of his arrest, to two life sentences for the rape of a 12-year-old girl. Renaud will be eligible for parole after 45 years. Judge Croce also designated Renaud a Tier III sex offender, meaning if he is ever released from prison, Renaud would have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On October 3, 2016, a Summit County jury found Renaud guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Rape – felonies of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Two Counts of Sexual battery – felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree
- Five Counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

“Patrick Renaud is a predator who targeted this family. He groomed the victim and then sexually assaulted her,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “This has taken a tremendous toll on the victim and her family. Renaud inflicted pain which may never go away. My hope is the victim and her family now have a sense of security knowing Renaud will remain in prison for the rest of his life.”

During the time period from March 2013 to early December 2013 Renaud molested the 12 year-old victim. Twinsburg Police Department opened the investigation when the victim’s mother came forward after receiving allegations via text messaging from her daughter. During the trial, Avery II, the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office facility dog, sat with the victim in between court appearances.

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The Summit County Prosecutor's Office received Avery II in August of 2013 from Canine Companions for Independence. Avery is a highly trained five-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 100 cases in Summit County.