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### **Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Raping Family Member** *Wayne James Sentenced to Life in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, June 15, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Wayne Jones, 56, of Brittain Road in Akron, pled guilty to sexually abusing a young family member multiple times.

James pled guilty to the following charge:

- Rape of a person under 13 – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty immediately sentenced James to Life in Prison. James will be eligible for parole after ten years. Judge McCarty also designated James a Tier III sex offender, meaning James will have to register with the local sheriff's department every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On several occasions, James sexually assaulted the victim, who was 7-years-old at the time. Investigators say the abuse always occurred in the basement of the victim's grandmother's house.