

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Rape of Child

(March 16, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that on Friday, March 13, 2009, Maurice Turner, 53, of W. Market Street in Akron, pled guilty to one count of **Rape**, a felony of the first degree. He was sentenced to Life in Prison and classified a Tier III sex offender.

On May 9, 2008, the minor victim came home from school to find, Turner, in the house. Turner was an acquaintance of the family. Her mother was asleep upstairs. Turner gave the victim's little brother some money and told him to get change at the store. When he left, Turner forced the victim to perform a sexual act on him. The victim told her mom, who reported it to the police.