

## MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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### Man Convicted of Raping Ex-Girlfriend

(March 11, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Robert Winston, 28, of Akron, Ohio was found guilty by a jury of **Kidnapping**, two counts of **Rape**, and **Aggravated Burglary**, all first degree felonies, **Domestic Violence**, **Gross Sexual Imposition**, and **Stalking**, all fourth degree felonies, and **Domestic Violence**, a second degree misdemeanor.

The victim was the 21-year-old mother of Winston's son. Winston and the victim were no longer together. On November 21, 2008, Winston called the victim repeatedly, wanting to come over to her residence. She told him no. He went to her apartment and pounded on her door. He was intoxicated and the victim believed he was going to kick in the door so she let him in. Once inside, they argued and he assaulted her, banging her head against the door and hitting her. She fled the apartment and he chased her and pulled her back inside. He proceeded to hit and kick her further and pulled a knife on her and raped her. Her two small children were present in the apartment at the time. After he fell asleep, she called 911.

Judge Hunter will begin the sentencing phase of the trial on April 6, 2009.