

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man who raped two-year-old sentenced to Life without Possibility of Parole

(October 13, 2009) ... Jason Knapp, 34, of Akron, was sentenced today to Life without the possibility of parole for the rape of a two-year-old Cuyahoga Falls girl. He was also found guilty by the Judge of being a Sexually Violent Predator.

On September 22, Knapp was found guilty of Rape, Kidnapping with a Sexual Motivation Specification, Felonious Assault with a Sexual Motivation Specification, Child Endangering, and Gross Sexual Imposition.

Dr. Orlando, of Summit Psychological, testified at the Sexually Violent Predator hearing that Knapp presented a number of disturbing sexually deviant behaviors based upon a Psychosexual Assessment of Knapp. Some of those behaviors include: that he is sexually aroused by hurting others and has a history of deviant sexual fantasies; had fantasies of having sex with his mother and sister; and, wanted to have sex with prepubescent female children, specifically between the ages of two and four years of age.

Also revealed in the assessment was that Knapp began viewing the victim in a sexual manner one to two months prior to the night of the rape. When he changed her diaper, he fantasized about what sex with a child would be like and he reportedly masturbated to these thoughts.

On November 28, 2008, Knapp digitally raped a two-year-old girl who was staying the night in the Kenmore area with her Aunt and Uncle. The mother had dropped the child off to stay the night and when she returned the next day, found the child's injuries when she was changing her diaper. Knapp was living with the family at the time of the rape. The child sustained severe vaginal injuries as a result of the rape, but is now fully physically healed. Knapp confessed to the police and to his mother that he did rape the child.