

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Bath Township man pleads guilty to raping two-year-old**

(September 24, 2009, Akron) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Dale Perdue, 40, of Bath, pled guilty today to two counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree, Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree (with one Sexual Motivation Specification), Tampering with Evidence and two counts of Endangering Children, a felony of the second degree and a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

Perdue entered his plea to an agreed sentence of Life in prison with no possibility for parole until after 40 years, at which point Perdue will be over 80 years of age.

Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said, "Our goal was to ensure that Dale Perdue would die in prison. Based on Perdue's age and this sentence, we are confident that he will never have the opportunity to rape another child. We now have two sick men – Perdue and Jason Knapp who was found guilty by a jury earlier this week – behind bars for the rest of their lives where they will never be able to rape little girls again. That is a great week at our office and I want to thank Assistant Prosecutors Jennie Shuki, Dan Sallerson, and Greta Johnson for their outstanding work on these cases."

The weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, a two-year-old female was left alone with Dale Perdue while her mother went out of town. The mother returned home to find blood all over the bed, child's clothes and diaper. The mother took the child to Akron Children's Hospital where she underwent reconstructive surgery on her vaginal area due to the extensive damage. The defendant washed sheets and clothes, and removed the hard drives from computers to try to hide the evidence.