

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Jury finds man guilty of Rape, Kidnapping and Robbery

(Akron, April 18, 2011) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Ricky Martin Veal, 50, of Akron, was found guilty by a jury Friday evening, April 15, of Rape and Kidnapping, felonies of the first degree, and Robbery, a felony of the second degree. The trial began on Monday, April 11.

A Sexually Violent Predator and Repeat Violent Offender hearing will be held on May 25, at 10:00 a.m. prior to sentencing by Judge Stormer.

On July 16, 2010 a 27-year-old female was walking from her house to meet her sister. The sister's shift ended at midnight and they were going to meet. Before she met with her sister a man, Veal, started calling out to her from his car that was stopped at a light. She ignored him and kept walking. Veal got out of his car, grabbed her, and threw her into his car. He drove the victim to a wooded lot in Akron and Veal repeatedly hit her to gain her compliance. He then raped her. Afterwards he threw her out of his car, completely naked, and drove off with her clothing and purse.

The victim ran to multiple houses for help and eventually the police were called. DNA was obtained and matched Veal's profile in the CODIS system. Veal was arrested. Veal has a prior Rape conviction (1982) and convictions for Gross Sexual Imposition, and Corruption of a Minor (1993).