

**MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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**Brolin Payne Guilty of Raping Eight-Year-Old Girl**

(July 25, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Brolin Payne, 40, of Grand Avenue in Akron, guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree, and Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the third degree.

Payne repeatedly raped and sexually assaulted an eight-year-old girl over the course of six months.

Visiting Judge Dick Reinbold will sentence Payne on September 5 at 1:00 p.m. Payne faces life in prison.