

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Ibn-Ford Sentenced to 21 Years in Prison for Rape, Domestic Violence

(March 9, 2011... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Paul Gallagher sentenced Khalid Ibn-Ford, 50, of E. Miller Avenue in Akron, to 21 years in prison for rape and domestic violence. Judge Gallagher also deemed Ibn-Ford a Repeat Violent Offender and a Tier III Sex Offender.

On June 18, Ibn-Ford came home drunk to the hotel at which he and his female victim were staying and demanded sex. When she refused, Ibn-Ford threatened to hurt her in front of her daughter and niece, who were staying in the same room. He then grabbed the woman around the neck and sexually assaulted her twice while the children slept a few feet away in the other bed.

The next day Ibn-Ford and the victim got into a verbal argument before leaving the hotel. He "disciplined" her by beating her with a belt while the children were out of the room. The victim, Ibn-Ford and the children then left the hotel.

After dropping off Ibn-Ford at his house, the victim passed out at a gas station bathroom from complications from an underlying medical condition and was taken to the hospital. Ibn-Ford went to the hospital after visiting hours to see how the victim was doing. While there he got into another altercation with the victim and pushed her into a doorframe.

Ibn-Ford pleaded guilty to one count of Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the fourth degree, and two counts of Domestic Violence, both felonies of the third degree, on December 6. However, he withdrew his plea before Judge Gallagher sentenced him and the case went to trial. On February 10, a jury found Ibn-Ford guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree, and two counts of Domestic Violence, both felonies of the third degree.