

**MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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**Barberton Man Guilty of Raping, Kidnapping Elderly Woman**

(January 18, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Joseph R. Litten, 31, of Dean Drive in Barberton, guilty of Rape and Kidnapping, both felonies of the first degree.

On July 16, Litten sexually assaulted an 86-year-old female acquaintance. DNA on various items of the victim's clothing matched Litten. The victim was able to identify her attacker and testified at trial.

Judge Alison McCarty will sentence Litten on January 23 at 1:00 p.m.