

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

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### **Litten Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison for Rape and Kidnapping**

(January 23, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Joseph R. Litten, 31, of Dean Drive in Barberton, to 20 years in prison. Litten must also register as a Tier III sex offender, which requires lifetime registration.

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.

A jury found Litten guilty of Rape and Kidnapping, both felonies of the first degree, on January 18.