

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

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### **Barberton Man Guilty of Rape**

(June 26, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a jury found Kevin B. Swift, 26, of Iowa Place in Barberton, guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree; Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the fourth degree; Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree; and Intimidation of a Crime Victim, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

In the evening of February 20, Swift made an unexpected visit to the house of the woman with whom he has several children. After an argument, the woman went upstairs to put her kids to bed. Swift followed. He pushed the woman over a chair, then dragged her around her bedroom by her hair. He followed her into another bedroom, where he punched and raped her. Swift then took the victim's phone and went downstairs. The victim emailed a friend in New York, asking the friend to send the police to her house. Swift then raped the woman a second time. The police arrived the next morning after receiving a call from the woman's friend. Swift was still at the house, and the police arrested him.

Judge Paul Gallagher will sentence Swift on August 12.