

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

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### **Cleveland Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Rape**

(June 12, 2013... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Steven Gall sentenced Albert Finklea, 49, of Northwood Avenue in Maple Heights, to life in prison.

Finklea raped and sexually assaulted a young female acquaintance over 10 years.

On June 6, a jury found Finklea guilty of 11 counts of rape, felonies of the first degree, and 10 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition. Finklea will be eligible for parole in 2098.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Tom McGinty was originally assigned to hear the case. When McGinty was elected Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, his office could no longer handle the case. McGinty requested that Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh handle the case.