

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Barberton and Canton Residents Sentenced to Life in Prison for Drugging, Raping Children

(May 22, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced that late yesterday Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Jacob L. Singleton, 33, of Ott Drive in Clinton, and Cecilia D. Lower, 30, of 31st Street NW in Barberton, to life in prison.

Lower and Singleton pleaded guilty on May 2 to three counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree with Sexually Violent Predator specifications; Corrupting a Minor with Drugs, a felony of the second degree; Pandering, a felony of the second degree; and Endangering Children, a felony of the second degree. Lower also pleaded guilty to Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material, a felony of the second degree;

Lower and Singleton conspired to drug and sexually abuse a four-year-old girl and abuse a seven-year-old boy. They exchanged several photos of the abuse through Facebook.

“What Cecilia Lower and Jacob Singleton did to these two children is truly sickening,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Thanks to the hard work of Barberton Detective Matt Hudak and my prosecutors, these two will be out of the community for a very long time.”

Lower and Singleton will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years in prison. They were also classified as Tier III Sex Offenders, which requires they register their places of residence and employment with the Sheriff’s Office every 90 days if they are ever released from prison.