

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

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### **Kenneth Henry Gets Max for Raping Young Girl**

(May 8, 2014... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands sentenced Kenneth Henry, 55, of Lloyd Street in Akron, to life in prison. This is the maximum sentence allowed by law.

Henry sexually assaulted the daughter of a female acquaintance last November. The girl was 12 years old at the time. The girl confided what happened to a friend through a private Facebook message. The friend told her mom, who immediately told the victim's mom.

"I applaud the bravery of the victim and her friend. This is something no child should have to endure," said Prosecutor Walsh. "I know that it took a lot of courage for the victim to tell anyone, and it also took a lot of courage for her to testify. It also took a lot of courage for the victim's friend to talk to her mom."

A jury found Henry guilty of two counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree, and one count of Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the third degree, on April 25. Henry will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years in prison, when he is 80 years old. He is now a Tier III sex offender, which requires lifetime address and employment registration if he ever gets out of prison.