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Osteopathic Doctor Sentenced on Sex Crime

AKRON, OHIO – October 7, 2014 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that Judge Thomas Parker sentenced Dr. James Bressi, 60, of Hudson, to 59 days in jail and 5 years of probation. Judge Parker stayed the sentence pending appeal. He will also be required to register as a Tier I Sexual Offender every year for the next 15 years.

Bressi was an osteopathic doctor who specialized in pain management at Summit Pain Specialists in Stow. Over 100 women came forward describing inappropriate sexual conduct by Bressi during pain management treatments from 2010-2013. Eleven victims testified against him at his trial. During treatments, Bressi was accused of rubbing his genitalia on the victims or touching them inappropriately. Two women claimed digital penetration.

On August 29, a jury found Bressi not guilty of sexually assaulting 10 female patients he was treating at Summa Pain Specialists in Stow. Bressi was convicted of one count of Sexual Imposition involving one of the victims. At trial Bressi removed two small bottles from his pocket and testified that the women were feeling bottles in his pocket and not his penis. Bressi claimed that he carried these bottles in his pocket for 10 years.

“To claim that these women confused his private parts with bottles in his pocket is absolute nonsense,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Dr. Bressi is a sexual predator and we are thankful that he will have to register as one for the next 15 years.”

Bressi’s medical license continues to be suspended pending a hearing before the Ohio State Medical Board. “The fact that a medical doctor would violate his position of trust is very disheartening,” added Walsh. “Thankfully the great majority of doctors in this community are professionals who are respectful of their patients”.