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Man Sentenced to 15-to-19.5 Years in Prison for Carjacking and Kidnapping

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, May 9, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kathryn Michael sentenced Mark Carlson, 45, to 15-to-19.5 years in prison for a number of crimes including carjacking and kidnapping.

On April 12, 2024, Carlson pled guilty to the following charges:

- Three Counts of Kidnapping – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Four Counts of Robbery – Felonies of the 2nd Degree
- Felonious Assault – a Felony of the 2nd Degree
- Failure to Comply with Order of Signal of Police Officer – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

On August 3, 2023, Mark Carlson carjacked a vehicle in Akron. Carlson made it Green where that vehicle ran out of gas. Carlson tried to steal another vehicle at a gas station, then carjacked a third vehicle at a nearby fast-food restaurant. Inside the third vehicle was a mother and her three young children. Carlson overpowered the mother and drove off with the children. Two of the children jumped to safety as Carlson drove away with the third child. Carlson eventually released the third child at a nearby convenience store and was captured.

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“This was a horrifying situation for all involved, but especially for the mother and her young children. I’m pleased to know the community is safer with Mr. Carlson behind bars for a significant amount of time,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.