

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Life in Prison for Raping Young Female Relative

(August 29, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Mark Randles, 59, of Morningview in Akron, to life in prison. Judge Teodosio deemed Randles a Tier III sex offender, which requires registration every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Randles raped a young female relative over the course of four years. Randles turned himself in to the Akron Police Department after the victim told her mother about the abuse.

A jury found Randles guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree, and Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the third degree, on July 26. Randles will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years in prison.