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Convicted Rapist Denied Parole

John Burkey Will Not Be Eligible For Parole Again Until 2020

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, August 05, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the Ohio Parole Board has denied parole for convicted rapist John Burkey.

Burkey, 57, has a long criminal history. He was convicted in 1982 for robbing and viciously raping a Summit County woman. In 2001, Burkey was paroled over the objections of the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Just months after his release, Burkey committed additional crimes and was sent back to prison. In 2006, after serving nearly four years, Burkey was paroled again. Then in 2008, Burkey was captured again for violating his parole and failing to register as a sex offender. Burkey had served seven years in prison leading up to his most recent parole hearing.

"We have aggressively opposed parole for John Burkey for over ten years and will continue to do so. Mr. Burkey is a dangerous rapist who should remain locked up in order to protect our community," said Prosecutor Walsh, "This decision ensures the community will be safe and allows Burkey's victim to breathe a little easier. Thank you to everyone who wrote letters of opposition to the Parole Board, as well as those who signed the petition to keep Burkey in prison."

Burkey will not be eligible for parole again until 2020.