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### **Akron Teen Pleads Guilty to Raping Elderly Woman**

*Billy Patterson Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 14, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Billy Patterson, 19, of Windsor Street in Akron, pled guilty to breaking into an elderly woman's home and raping her.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Joy Malek Oldfield immediately sentenced Patterson to 15 years in prison.

Judge Oldfield also designated Patterson a Tier III sex offender, meaning Patterson will have to register as a sex offender with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

"This was a heinous, brutal act that has severely traumatized the victim and is deserving of a lengthy prison sentence," said Prosecutor Walsh.

Patterson pled guilty to the following charges:

- Rape – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Aggravated Burglary – a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

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In the early morning hours of September 24, 2016, Patterson broke into the elderly woman's home where raped the 71-year-old. He also hit the victim in the face multiple times and choked her nearly unconscious. The defendant and victim had known each other for nearly ten years.