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Summit County Jury Finds Akron Man Guilty of Raping Teen

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, October 22, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Juba Ali, 64, of Arnold Avenue in Akron, guilty of raping a teenager he knew.

Jurors found Ali guilty of the following charges:

- Rape– a felony of the 1st degree
- Kidnapping with Sexual Motivation – a felony of the 1st degree
- Gross Sexual Imposition – a felony of the 4th degree

In November of 2018, Ali was with the teen when he drove to a secluded area in Akron and raped her.

Ali was found guilty of rape and kidnapping in May of 1998. Ali was sentenced to a maximum sentence of 21-and-a-half years in prison. After completing his entire prison sentence, Ali was released from prison just two months before committing this offense.

“I am so proud of the survivor for having the courage to come forward and tell a jury of strangers about the horrible things he did to her. Mr. Ali is a dangerous person and deserves a long prison sentence to keep the community safe,” said Prosecutor Walsh.

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Ali was also indicted with a sexually violent predator specification. Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison Breaux has scheduled a hearing to determine if Ali is a sexual violent predator for November 6, 2019 at 8:30am. Ali will be sentenced following the hearing.