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Cuyahoga Falls Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Raping Family Member

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, January 16, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Justin Ballard, 36, of 11th Street in Cuyahoga Falls, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for raping a young family member.

On November 30, 2018, Ballard pled guilty to the following charges:

- Rape – a felony of the 1st degree
- Sexual Battery – a felony of the 3rd degree
- Gross Sexual Imposition – a felony of the 4th degree

Over the course of two years, Ballard fondled and performed oral sex numerous times on the young family member.

“I am so impressed with the strength the survivor showed in facing the person who did these horrible things,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I am also pleased to know the residents of Summit County are safer today as Mr. Ballard will spend a significant amount of time in prison.”

Ballard was also designated a Tier III sex offender meaning once he is released from prison he will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.