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Akron Man Pleads Guilty to Raping 7-Year-Old Girl

Keith Morris sentenced to **LIFE IN PRISON**

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 12, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Keith Morris, 48, of Shadybrook Drive in Akron, pled guilty to raping a young girl he knew.

Following today's plea, Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Kelly McLaughlin immediately sentenced Morris to LIFE IN PRISON. Morris is eligible for parole after serving 15 years of his sentence. Judge McLaughlin also designated Morris a Tier III sex offender. As a Tier III sex offender Morris will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life if he is released from prison.

Morris pled guilty to the following charge:

- One Count of Rape – a felony of the 1st degree

"I am so proud of the young survivor for coming forward and telling what happened. This is something she will have to deal with for the rest of her life," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Our community needs to know that evil lurks everywhere, even in someone we know and trust. Mr. Morris was able to gain his victim's trust, which he twisted to fill his own perverted actions."

Morris assaulted the girl in March of 2019.