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Convicted Rapist Denied Parole

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, June 12, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the Ohio State Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Parole Board has denied parole for convicted rapist Willie Lagway.

Lagway, 59, was eligible for parole after serving 32 years of a maximum 375 year sentence. In February of 1983, Lagway, 27 at the time, went on a five-day crime spree in the Akron area, where victimized six women. Lagway kidnapped, raped, robbed and threatened to kill his victims. He terrorized the women for hours, and then copied information from their driver's licenses, including their home addresses.

“Willie Lagway is a dangerous person and the campaign to keep him in prison was important for our office and the victims. We are happy with the decision of the Ohio State Parole Board to keep Lagway behind bars,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “This is good news for not only Lagway’s victims, but all women and potential future victims. This decision ensures Lagway will remain locked up for years to come. I also want to thank everyone who signed the petition to keep Lagway in prison as well as those who wrote letters of opposition to the Parole Board.”

Lagway is not eligible for parole again until May of 2020.