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Akron Man Found Guilty of Rape

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, March 31, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that jurors found James Pistawka, 37 of E. York Street in Akron, guilty of 13 counts including rape, gross sexual imposition and sexual battery involving three girls. The incidents occurred between 2001 and 2013.

Pistawka was found guilty of the following charges.

- Three counts of Rape, felonies of the first degree
- Nine counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, felonies of the third degree
- One count of Sexual Battery, a felony of the third degree

“The victims in this case showed tremendous strength and poise, to be in court and face the man who did such monstrous things to them,” said Bevan Walsh. “They have to live every day knowing what happened, but also knowing Pistawka will no longer hurt them.”

Judge Thomas Parker will sentence Pistawka on May 12th at 1pm. Pistawka faces up to 76 years in prison.