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Akron Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Raping Young Girl

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, December 04, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Raymond Smiley, 39, of McGowan Street in Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for raping a young girl.

On October 23, 2018 Smiley pled guilty to the following charges:

- Two Counts of Rape – Felonies of the 1st degree

Smiley admitted to raping his girlfriend's young daughter on two separate occasions.

"What this defendant did was horrifying. I am very grateful he will spend a significant amount of time in prison where he won't be able to hurt innocent young girls," said Prosecutor Walsh. "The survivor and her mother showed tremendous strength in standing up to him. My prosecutors and victim advocates did an outstanding job in getting justice."

Smiley will be eligible for parole after serving 20 years in prison.

Judge Croce also designated Smiley a Tier III sex offender. If he is released from prison, Smiley will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.