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Norton Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Sexually Assaulting Two Young Boys

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, January 27, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones sentenced Steven Kmetz, 62, of Debbie Lane in Norton, to LIFE IN PRISON for sexually assaulting two young boys. Judge Jones also designated Kmetz a Tier III sex offender. If released from prison, Kmetz will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Just prior to the start of his trial, Kmetz pled guilty to the following charges:

- Three Counts of Rape of a Child Less Than 13 – felonies of the 1st degree
- Four Counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – felonies of the 3rd degree

In June of 2018, one of the victims, a then six-year-old boy, disclosed that Kmetz had sexually assaulted him months earlier. Through the investigation, Norton Police discovered that Kmetz had also assaulted a 10-year-old boy.

Kmetz has a prior sexual assault conviction from a case in Shelby County, Ohio, where he served four years in prison. That case involved an 8-year-old victim.

Kmetz will not be eligible for parole until he has served ten years of his sentence.