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Jury Finds Barberton Bar Owner Guilty of Kidnapping & Assault

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, June 27, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Todd Cleavenger, 42, of Chenoweth Drive in Barberton, guilty of all counts in connection with the kidnapping and assault of a woman.

Jurors found Cleavenger guilty of the following charges:

- Kidnapping – a felony of the 1st degree
- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree
- Abduction – a felony of the 3rd degree

In the early morning hours on January 1, 2019, the victim left the Garage Bar, which was owned by Cleavenger, and went to another bar. When the second bar closed, the victim was taken home by a friend. When the victim arrived home, Cleavenger was there and shoved the victim to the ground. Once inside the home, Cleavenger beat the victim and prevented her from leaving. The victim eventually climbed out a window, went to a neighbor's house and called police. The victim suffered significant injuries, including a broken nose.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien is scheduled to sentence Cleavenger on August 1st at 2p.