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Barberton Bar Owner Sentenced to 16 Years in Prison for Kidnapping & Assault

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, August 01, 2019) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Todd Cleavenger, 42, of Chenoweth Drive in Barberton, to 16 years in prison for kidnapping and assaulting a woman.

On June 27, 2019, a Summit County jury 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

"I am so proud of the victim, who showed tremendous strength when she testified at trial and today when she spoke to the court about how this has impacted her. This sentence protects not only the victim, but the community from a violent man," said Prosecutor Walsh. "This was a vicious, brutal assault which caused significant and serious injuries. The attack will affect the victim for the rest of her life."

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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.