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## **Summit County Jury Convicts Cleveland Man of Engaging in Sexual Conduct with Under-aged Teen**

*Tyree Lewis Sentenced to 4 Years in Prison*

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, February 07, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury convicted Tyree Lewis, 39, of Walford Road in Cleveland, of engaging in sexual conduct with an under-aged teen he knew.

Jurors found Lewis guilty of the following charge:

- Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

In early 2018, Lewis began grooming the victim, providing the then 14-year-old with special treatment and gifts. This eventually led to Lewis soliciting and receiving sexual favors from the victim.

Immediately after the guilty verdict, visiting Judge Patricia Cosgrove sentenced Lewis to four years in prison. Lewis was also designated a Tier II sex offender, meaning once he's released from prison, Lewis will have to register as a sex offender with the local sheriff every 180 days for 25 years.

"I am very proud of the victim coming forward and testifying in court. It can be very difficult for anyone, but especially a teen, to talk to strangers about what happened," said Prosecutor Walsh. "That is why I am an advocate for my office's Start By Believing program. We must provide a safe space for survivors of sexual assault to come forward and help hold those responsible accountable."