



SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR

For Immediate Release:
CONTACT: James Pollack
Phone: (330) 604-2739
pollack@prosecutor.summitoh.net
Twitter: @ProsecutorWalsh
Thursday, February 16, 2017

Akron Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Raping Young Girls *Delacey Walters Eligible for Parole in 45 Years*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, February 16, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammy O'Brien sentenced Delacey Walters, 27, of Homestead Street in Akron, to Life in Prison for sexually assaulting his girlfriend's three young daughters over several months.

Walters will not be eligible for parole until the year 2062. Judge O'Brien also designated Walters a Tier III sex offender, meaning Walters will have to register as a sex offender with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On February 1, 2017 a Summit County jury found Walters guilty of the following charges:

- Nine counts of Rape of a Child Under 10 – felonies of the 1st degree
- Five counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – felonies of the 3rd degree

During the trial, Avery II, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office facility dog, sat with two of the victims when they testified. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office received Avery II in August of 2013 from Canine Companions for Independence. Avery is a highly trained five-and-a-half-year-old Labrador/Retriever mix facility dog, whose primary job is to provide emotional support to adults with developmental disabilities and children who are victims of crime. Since 2013, Avery II has been involved in 116 cases in Summit County.

--more--

Walters was the live-in boyfriend of the mother of the victims. Between October and December of 2015, Walters raped and sexually assaulted all three children, who were under the age of ten. Walters was left to care for the victims while their mother was at work. The victims disclosed information about the abuse to their father, who then called police and took them to the emergency room. It was determined that all three victims contracted a sexually transmitted disease from Walters. When interviewed, Walters lied to police and attempted to hide the results of his medical tests to keep that evidence from investigators.