

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Akron Man Guilty of Raping 10-Year-Old Girl

(February 27, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that late Friday a jury found Daniel Lee Mercer, 48, of 7th Street in Akron, guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree, and Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the third degree.

On August 28, 2011, Mercer raped a 10-year-old neighbor behind his sister's garage. The victim immediately told her mother, who brought her to Akron Children's Hospital. Akron police officers found Mercer shortly after the rape was reported and were able to get a taped confession from him.

Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones will sentence Mercer on March 6 to life in prison with parole eligibility after 10 years.