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### **Uber Driver Found Guilty of Sexually Assaulting Passenger**

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, April 20, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Brandon Franklin, 34, of Tallmadge, Ohio, guilty of sexually assaulting a female passenger while he was working for Uber.

Jurors found Franklin guilty of the following charge:

- Sexual Battery – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

“After three days of emotional testimony, we are pleased with the jury’s verdict,” said Assistant Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich, who, along with Brian Stano, prosecuted the case. “We are exceptionally proud of the victim in this case for having the courage to come forward and face her attacker in court.”

In March of 2017, the victim had been out drinking with family and friends. The group requested an Uber to take the victim home. Franklin arrived as the Uber driver and took the victim home. Once at the victim’s home, Franklin sexually assaulted the woman.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jason Wells is scheduled to sentence Franklin on Tuesday May 22, 2018 at 1pm.