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### **Akron Man Sentenced to Life In Prison for Assaulting 12-Year-Old Girl**

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, February 21, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Brandon Grether, 40, of Patterson Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls, was sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl. Grether will be eligible for parole after ten years.

Grether was also designated a Tier III sex offender. Once released from prison, Grether will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On Friday, February 16, 2018 a Summit County jury found Grether guilty of the following charges:

- Rape- a felony of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree
- Gross Sexual Imposition – a felony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

At the time of the assault, Grether was living with the girl while dating her mother. On July 4, 2016, while the girl's mother was sleeping, Grether sexually assaulted the 12-year-old. The victim told her mother of the assault the next day.

Grether was previously convicted of Gross Sexual Imposition on May 24, 2000.