

## **MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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### **Brolin Payne Sentenced to Life in Prison for Raping Young Girl**

(September 5, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Visiting Judge Dick Reinbold sentenced Brolin Payne, 40, of Grand Avenue in Akron, to life in prison with parole eligibility after 25 years. Judge Reinbold also deemed Payne a Tier III sex offender. Payne will have to register with the Sheriff's Office every 90 days for the rest of his life if he is ever released from prison.

Payne repeatedly raped and sexually assaulted an eight-year-old girl over the course of six months.

On July 25, a jury found Payne guilty of Rape, a felony of the first degree, and Gross Sexual Imposition, a felony of the third degree.