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Akron Man Sentenced to 18 to 22 Years in Prison for Rape, Burglary, and Kidnapping

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, February 8, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker Ross sentenced Craig Stubbs, 34, of Akron, to 18 to 22 years in prison for a number of crimes including rape and kidnapping.

On January 6, 2021, Stubbs pled guilty to the following charges:

- One Count of Aggravated Burglary – a felony of the 1st degree
- One Count of Kidnapping – a felony of the 1st degree
- One Count of Rape – a felony of the 1st degree
- Two Counts of Abduction – felonies of the 3rd degree
- One Count of Escape – a felony of the 2nd degree
- One Count of Burglary – a felony of the 2nd degree (separate 2019 case)

At the beginning of August of 2019 Stubbs was charged with burglary. During a hearing at the end of August the Judge lowered Stubbs' bond. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office objected to the lowering of the bond due to Stubbs' violent criminal history. Stubbs was released, put on house arrest and GPS monitoring.

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Then, on October 1, 2019, Stubbs cut off the ankle bracelet and returned to the Akron home he was accused of burglarizing.

Inside the home were three teens. Stubbs threatened to kill the children and would not let them leave. Stubbs then raped one of the teens whom he knew. Stubbs also engaged in a standoff with Akron Police. During the standoff, one of the teens was able to escape. Officers were able to get the other teens out when Stubbs barricaded himself in a room. Police were eventually able to arrest Stubbs.

“These victims survived a horrifying ordeal. My hope is this sentence will bring them peace and justice,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Craig Stubbs has a long list of crimes dating back more than a decade and needs to spend a significant time in prison. This sentence will keep our community safe.”

Judge Baker Ross also designated Stubbs a Tier III sex offender. When Stubbs is released from prison, he will have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.