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HIV Positive Man Sentenced to 7 Years in Prison for Assault

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, January 04, 2018) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that visiting Judge Richard Reinbold sentenced Dominique Ely, 26, of Crosby Street in Akron, to seven years in prison for assaulting a University of Akron student.

On December 7, 2017, Ely pled guilty to the following charge:

- Felonious Assault – a felony of the 2nd degree

In April of 2017, Ely met the victim at an Akron nightclub. The male victim believed Ely was a woman, as the defendant was dressed in female attire. The two left the nightclub and went to a local motel where they engaged in sexual activity. Ely did not disclose that he was HIV positive. At the time of the incident, Ely was on parole for sexual battery out of Cuyahoga County.