

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Man sentenced to Life without Parole for raping six year-old

(October 22, 2009, Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Matthew Cunningham, 35, of Akron, was sentenced by Judge Brenda Unruh to Life without the Possibility of Parole, for Rape with Force of a child under the age of 10.

At various times from November 1 through December 31, 2008, Cunningham forced a six year-old girl to perform oral sex on him. After she acted out at school, personnel from the school notified authorities. The CARE Center was brought in and the little girl disclosed what was happening.