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Barberton Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Molesting Underage Girls He Knew

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, February 8, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Tammi O’Brien sentenced William Norman, 30, of South Van Buren Street in Barberton, to LIFE IN PRISON for engaging in sex acts with three children he knew.

Norman must serve at least 35 years in prison before being eligible for parole. Judge O’Brien also designated Norman a Tier III sex offender. If released from prison, Norman must register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Prior to sentencing, Norman pled guilty to the following charges:

- Three Counts of Rape – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor – a Felony of the 4th Degree
- Pandering Sexually Oriented Material Involving a Minor – a Felony of the 4th Degree
- Corrupting Another with Drugs – a Felony of the 2nd Degree

Over a three-year period, Norman engaged in sexual activity with a teenager he knew. He also provided drugs to the teen. Also, during the three years, Norman raped two young girls he knew and took sexually explicit pictures of them.

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“This is one of the most disturbing cases I have ever seen in my time as Summit County Prosecutor. William Norman is a depraved, sick man, and I expect he will spend the rest of his life in prison,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “The survivors in this case have a long recovery ahead. They are strong and thankfully Mr. Norman can no longer hurt them.”