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Jurors Find Cuyahoga Falls Man Guilty of Rape

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday, June 22, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that a Summit County jury found Richard Schultz, 55, of Munroe Falls Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls, guilty of 12 charges, including the rape of two young girls he knew.

Jurors found Schultz guilty of the following charges:

- 6 Counts of Rape – Felonies of the 1st Degree
- 5 Counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – Felonies of the 3rd Degree
- One Count of Sexual Battery – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

In July of 2018, the young girls reported Schultz molested them several times.

Avery, the Summit County Prosecutor's Office facility dog, sat with the survivors prior to their testimony. Avery was also with the girls when they came to the Prosecutor's Office. The Summit County Prosecutor's Office received Avery II in August of 2013 from Canine Companions for Independence. Avery is a highly trained ten-and-a-half-year-old Labrador/Retriever mix facility dog, whose primary job is to provide emotional support to adults with developmental disabilities and children who are victims of crime. Since 2013, Avery II has been involved in 210 cases in Summit County.

Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty is scheduled to sentence Shultz on Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 9am.