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Cuyahoga Falls Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, July 19, 2022) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Richard Schultz, 55, of Munroe Falls Avenue in Cuyahoga Falls, to LIFE IN PRISON for the rape of two young girls he knew.

Schultz will be eligible for parole after serving 30 years of his prison sentence.

Judge McCarty also designated Schultz a Tier III sex offender. As a Tier III sex offender, Schultz would have to register with the local sheriff every 90 days for the rest of his life.

On June 22, 2022 a Summit County jury 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.

“I am so incredibly proud of these young survivors for coming forward and testifying. It was incredibly difficult to face the person who did such horrible things to them,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Thank you to my assistant prosecutors who are keeping the community safe by ensuring Richard Schultz will spend the rest of his life in prison.”

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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.