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Akron Man Sentenced to Nine and a Half Years in Prison for Cold Case Sexual Assault

AKRON, Ohio (Wednesday July 12, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Jennifer Towell sentenced Kevin Suhoza, 49, of Akron, to nine and a half years in prison for sexually assaulting four women over 20 years ago.

Judge Towell also determined Suhoza to be a sexually oriented offender. When released from prison, Suhoza will have to register with the local sheriff once a year for 10 years.

On May 30, 2023, Suhoza pled guilty to the following charges:

- Three Counts of Sexual Battery – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

In one incident in 2000, Kevin Suhoza assaulted two women he met as a bartender at an Akron area restaurant.

The prosecution of Mr. Suhoza was conducted as part of the Akron Police Department's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). In 2000, the survivors went to the hospital where a sexual assault kit was collected. The sexual assault kit was tested and DNA collected matched Kevin Suhoza.

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In 2018, the Akron Police Department received a three-year, one-million dollar grant from the Department of Justice to form the SAKI Unit. The Akron Sexual Assault Kit Initiative reviews unsolved rape cases less than 20 years old where DNA was collected but no suspect was charged with a crime. The Akron SAKI unit is made up of three Summit County Prosecutor's Office employees, three Akron Police Department detectives, and members of the Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit Counties, and the Summit County Victim Assistance Program.