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Akron Man Sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for Cold Case Rape

AKRON, Ohio (Friday, July 12, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Alison McCarty sentenced Derrick Fischer, 53, of Akron, to LIFE IN PRISON for a 2010 rape.

Judge McCarty also designated Fischer a Tier III sex offender. As a Tier III sex offender Fischer will have to register every 90 days for the rest of his life if he is released from prison.

Fischer will be eligible for parole after serving 20 years of his sentence.

Prior to sentencing, Judge McCarty found Fischer guilty of a sexually violent predator specification. The specification allowed Judge McCarty to increase the sentence for each count to 10-years-to-life in prison. Fischer has had multiple prior convictions with lengthy prison sentences.

On April 26, 2024 a Summit County jury found Fischer guilty of the following charges:

- Two Counts of Rape – Felonies of the 1st Degree

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“Derrick Fischer is a dangerous man with a violent history. My office will fight to keep him in prison for the rest of his life. Thank you to local law enforcement, the assistant prosecutors, and the survivor for their unwavering determination and relentless pursuit of justice in this case,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

The prosecution of Derrick Fisher was conducted as part of the Akron Police Department’s Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). The survivor was sexually assaulted in 2010 but at the time the investigation did not lead to a suspect. Evidence in the case was tested in 2017 with a DNA profile matching Derrick Fischer to the crime.

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 reviewed unsolved rape cases less than 20 years old where DNA was collected but no suspect was charged with a crime.