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Akron Man Sentenced to 25-to-30.5 Years in Prison for Escape, Kidnapping & Assaulting a Woman

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, November 12, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Susan Baker Ross sentenced William Mozingo, 34, of 11th Street SW in Akron, to 25 to 30.5 years in prison for two separate cases including kidnapping and assaulting a woman in 2023.

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

- Two Counts of Kidnapping Felonies of the 1st Degree
- Five Counts of Felonious Assault Felonies of the 2nd Degree
- One Count of Abduction a Felony of the 3rd Degree
- One Count of Strangulation a Felony of the 3rd Degree

In October 2023, Akron Police arrested Mozingo after they found him and a 23-year-old woman in a garage in Akron's Kenmore neighborhood. Mozingo held the woman against her will in an overhead space in the garage.

Mozingo also pled guilty to the following charge from a separate case:

• Escape – a Felony of the 3rd Degree

"William Monzingo's criminal history has proven that the streets are safer when he is behind bars. We are thankful that the victim survived this horrific crime and hope this sentence will allow her the peace to begin to move on from this terrible crime. Thank you to the diligence of the Akron Police Department and to our prosecutors," said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

Mozingo is currently on Ohio's Violent Crime Registry because of a prior violent crime conviction. If Mozingo is released from prison, he must register with the local sheriff every year for ten years. His criminal history dates back to 2008 and includes several violent crimes in Adams, Hamilton, and Stark Counties.

The escape charge is from an incident in September 2023. Mozingo was at the Summit County Community Based Correctional Facility when he escaped under a fence.