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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MAN WHO RAPED CHILD

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Charles Link, 62, has been sentenced to life in prison for the repeated rape of a child when she was between the ages of four and twelve years old. Link was also sentenced for gross sexual imposition against an additional child. Link will be eligible for parole consideration after 35 years.

Link has also been designated as a Tier III sex offender, which requires him to register every 90 days with the local sheriff for the rest of his life if he is ever released from prison.

“I want to recognize the incredible courage of the survivors for coming forward. Their bravery has ensured Link will face the consequences of his crimes, and made Summit County safer,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“Crimes against children are especially despicable. I will always fight to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.”**

Last month, a Summit County Jury found Link guilty of the following:

- Seven counts of Rape – each a 1st Degree Felony; and
- Eight counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – each a 3rd Degree Felony.

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