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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MAN CONVICTED OF RAPE

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Joshua Gidley, 46, was sentenced to life in prison for raping two children. One was 13 years old at the time of the offenses and the other was under the age of 13. In August, Gidley pleaded guilty to two counts of Rape – each a 1st Degree Felony. He will be eligible for parole after 10 years.

Gidley 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.

“Exploiting children while in a position of trust is one of the gravest betrayals imaginable. I commend the courage of the children who came forward in this case and want them to know their voices made a difference,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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