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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES LIFE SENTENCE FOR MAN WHO RAPED CHILD

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Walter Jenkins, 61, was found guilty of and sentenced to life in prison for raping and assaulting a 6-year-old child multiple times when she was in his care in 2025. He also showed the child pornographic materials. Jenkins will be eligible for parole after 15 years.

Jenkins 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.

Jenkins pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- Two counts of Rape – both 1st Degree Felonies;
- Two counts of Gross Sexual Imposition – both 3rd Degree Felonies; and
- One count of Disseminating Matter Harmful To Juveniles – a 5th Degree Felony.

“This child showed remarkable courage in speaking up against someone who systematically tried to manipulate her into silence. Jenkins' betrayal of trust and exploitation of a vulnerable child warrants his life sentence,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

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