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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES 20 TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR KIDNAPPING AND RAPE

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Cornelius Rogers, 24, of Akron, was sentenced to 20 to 25 years in prison for kidnapping and raping a woman who worked at the Springfield Red Roof Inn in 2024. He was also sentenced for charges related to a separate 2024 incident.

Rogers 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 when he is released from prison.

In January, Rogers pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Rape – a 1st Degree Felony; and
- One count of Kidnapping – a 1st Degree Felony.

Rogers also pleaded guilty to the following charges from an unrelated case:

- One count of Theft – a 5th Degree Felony; and
- One count of Criminal Trespassing – a 4th Degree Misdemeanor.

“The survivor in this case showed remarkable courage by coming forward and facing her attacker in court. Her strength is why justice was served today, and my office will continue to fight sexual violence and its perpetrators in Summit County. I’d also like to thank both the Akron General Hospital SANE Unit and Springfield Township Police Department for their work on this case,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In December 2024, at the Springfield Red Roof Inn, Cornelius Rogers forced his way into a room that a housekeeper was working in and physically assaulted and raped her. Camera footage from a Walmart security camera across the street captured the attack.

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