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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES CONVICTION FOR MAN WHO RAPED TEENAGER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Javid Ruiz, 36, of Akron, was found guilty for raping a teenager in 2025.

A Summit County Jury found Ruiz guilty of the following charges:

- One count of Rape by Force – a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Rape of Impaired Person – a 1st Degree Felony;
- One count of Gross Sexual Imposition – a 3rd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Failure to Comply with Underage Alcohol Laws – an Unclassified Misdemeanor.

“I want to thank the victim for her bravery in coming forward about Javid Ruiz's violent and horrific actions. Targeting a young woman, exploiting her trust, and using alcohol to make her vulnerable is predatory behavior that will not be tolerated in Summit County. I hope she finds some semblance of peace knowing Ruiz is finally facing justice,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich.

In April 2025, two teenagers under the age of 18 attempted to get into bars and gained entry to Dreamer’s Cabaret in Akron. Inside, a woman they had never met bought them shots and directed them to Javid Ruiz and another suspect, telling the girls they would be “safe with them.” Ruiz and the other man brought the girls across the street to “the Studio” and poured liquor in their mouths until they were extremely intoxicated, then drove them to a nearby lake and apartment complex, where Ruiz raped one of the girls.

The girls were dropped back off at “the Studio” across the street from Dreamer’s Cabaret and they then sought help. Forensic DNA evidence collected during the investigation confirmed Ruiz as the perpetrator, despite his claims denying he had ever met the girls.

Ruiz is scheduled to be sentenced on May 5, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

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