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PROSECUTOR KOLKOVICH ANNOUNCES GUILTY PLEA FOR RAPE AND ABUSE OF INFANT DAUGHTER

AKRON, OH – Today, Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced that Jason Santos, 38, of Stony Creek, New York, pleaded guilty to raping and abusing his 11-month-old infant daughter while living at the Springfield Township Red Roof Inn. Santo's co-defendant Jamilee Hunt, 38, of Hudson Falls, New York, is set for trial next Tuesday, April 21, and faces similar charges.

Santos pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- One count of Rape of a Child Under 13 Years of Age – a 1st Degree Felony;
- Five counts of Felonious Assault – a 2nd Degree Felony;
- One count of Endangering Children by Torture or Cruel Abuse – a 2nd Degree Felony; and
- One count of Endangering Children by Creating Substantial Risk to Health or Safety of the Child – a 3rd Degree Felony.

“The survival of this infant is nothing short of extraordinary, and it is due to the swift actions of Springfield Township police officers, as well as the dedication of social workers and medical staff at Akron Children’s Hospital,” said Prosecutor Kolkovich. **“Their efforts ensured this child received the care and protection she desperately needed. I am grateful she is now safe and beginning to recover from the despicable abuse she endured.”**

In November 2024, Springfield Township police officers responded to a call at the Red Roof Inn for an unresponsive 11-month-old infant. The child’s father, Jason Santos, and his girlfriend, Jamilee Hunt, claimed the infant had suddenly stopped breathing. While performing life-saving measures, officers observed extensive bruising and other visible signs of abuse. The infant, in critical condition, was transported to Akron Children’s Hospital, where doctors and social workers determined she had multiple rib fractures, fractures to her arms and legs, and significant bruising, injuries inconsistent with the explanation provided by Santos. Many of the fractures were in various stages of healing, indicating prolonged abuse. After being detained, Santos claimed the infant’s injuries were caused by his dog jumping on her, an explanation that differed from his initial statement and was inconsistent with medical findings. Further medical evaluation revealed the infant suffered a traumatic brain injury, internal bleeding resulting in hemorrhagic shock, and a broken clavicle. Doctors also discovered evidence consistent with rape and sexual assault.

Santos is scheduled to be sentenced on Tuesday, April 21 at 11 a.m. He faces a life sentence.

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