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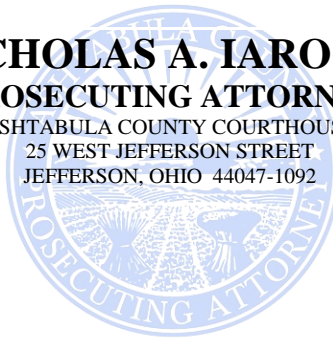
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**VERDICT OF GUILTY – LARRY ROBERT BUCKLEY**

On Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and after a two-day jury trial in the courtroom of Judge Thomas E. Harris, the jury returned a verdict of **GUILTY** against **Larry Robert Buckley** on one count of **RAPE** of a child under the age thirteen (13) years, a first degree felony. The jury returned not guilty verdicts on one count of Gross Sexual Imposition and one count of Attempted Gross Sexual Imposition.

The child was eleven (11) years old at the time of the offense.

The State of Ohio was represented at the trial by Ashtabula County Assistant Prosecutor John D. Lewis, and Buckley was represented by attorney Christopher Boeman. The jury deliberated approximately seventy (70) minutes before reaching its verdict. Buckley was immediately taken into custody after the jury verdict as a result of Judge Harris' revocation of Buckley's bond. Buckley is currently incarcerated in the Ashtabula County Jail.

A sentencing date will be scheduled in the near future. Buckley faces a mandatory sentence of ten (10) years-to-life in prison as provided by statute.

I would like to thank Mr. Lewis, Deputies Michael Rose and Steve Murphy of the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Lance Fragomeli, and the Victims of Crime Assistance Unit of this office for their outstanding work on this case.

I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the jury for their focused attention and service in performing their civic duty on this very difficult case.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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