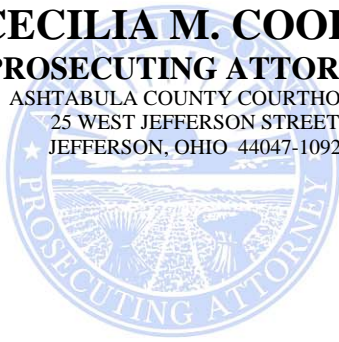


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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Justin Furmage was found guilty by a jury on September 18, 2020, of eight counts of Rape, Felonies of the first degree with the further finding that the victim was under the age of 10 when each offense occurred. He was also found guilty of eight counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, Felonies of the Third degree.

Today, he appeared before the Hon. Thomas E. Harris for sentencing. He was sentenced to a prison term of 15 years to life on each count of Rape and 60 months in prison on each count of Gross Sexual Imposition. Each count is to run consecutive to each other for a total sentence of 115 years to life plus 40 years.

This conviction and sentence is the culmination of a great deal of hard work by many dedicated individuals. It started with the Conneaut Police Department who thoroughly investigated this matter. The report then went to our office for review. In the meantime, the staff of our Victims of Crime Office began working with the victim to prepare her and her family for the long and difficult criminal process that was to come. Finally, the case was successfully tried by Asst. Prosecutor John Lewis. I want to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to seeing that justice is served for this victim. This sentence assures this will be his last victim.

***Cecilia M. Cooper***

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