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State v. David S. Hopper 2006-CR-1013

The defendant, **David Scott Hopper**, 45, entered a plea of guilty as charged for the robbery and rape of an employee of a Miami Township cell phone store that occurred in March of 2004. The defendant pled guilty to:

- 3 counts of Rape
- 1 count of Aggravated Robbery
- 1 count of Kidnapping

All counts carry a mandatory 3 year gun specification. The defendant will receive a sentence of 46 years in the penitentiary.

The victim was alone at a cellular phone store near the Dayton Mall on March 5, 2004, and was getting ready to close for the evening. The defendant came in the store armed with a gun, and accosted and robbed the victim. A sample of the suspects DNA was collected at the scene, but it did not match with any known person at the time.

Subsequently, in February, 2006 the defendant was arrested in an adjoining county for the rape and robbery of two women at a model home. A sample of his DNA was collected and submitted to CODIS, the DNA database, for comparison. The defendant's DNA matched the DNA recovered from the 2004 rape, identifying the defendant as the suspect. The defendant was also linked to other rape/robberies in multiple jurisdictions in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky occurring over a period of 12 years.

Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. said, "Thanks to the advanced utilization of DNA technology, even after five years, this rapist was caught and convicted, finally providing some justice to this victim."

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