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**Riverside Man Convicted of Rape of Elderly Woman**

*State v. Jean Paul Mpanurwa, 2013-CR-2542*

**DAYTON, OH (11/09/2016)** – Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 29-year-old **Jean Paul Mpanurwa**, of Riverside, has been found guilty as charged for the kidnapping, felony assault and rape of an elderly woman on July 14, 2013.

On the evening of Sunday, July 14, 2013, the victim, aged 90 at the time, was walking along the Radio Road bike path when the defendant grabbed her. The defendant knocked the victim to the ground, dragged her to a nearby grassy area, and raped her. During the incident, the victim suffered a broken arm.

The defendant, who is from the Republic of Congo and not a U.S. citizen, was linked to the crime through DNA, which was in the CODIS database due to prior sexual assault allegations.

Today, after a bench trial before the court last week, the defendant was found guilty as charged of:

- One count of Rape by force
- One count of Felonious Assault causing serious harm
- One count of Kidnapping

The defendant remains in custody and will be sentenced at a later date.

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