



July 30, 2024

Man Sentenced for Sexually Assaulting Three Juvenile Females in Lakewood

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced Damaine Bringht, 34, was sentenced to 19 years in prison for sexually assaulting three juvenile females in Lakewood. Additionally, on an unrelated sexual assault case, he was sentenced to 11 years in prison for a total prison sentence of 30 years.

"This man traumatized three young women," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "The victims and the community of Lakewood should feel some peace knowing Mr. Bringht is behind bars for 30 years."

On August 12, 2023, the three female victims, one 15-year-old and two 16-year-olds, went to a nearby park in Lakewood. They noticed a man – later identified as Damaine Bringht – watch them in his vehicle. The three victims later left the park and went to one of their residences near Bunts Road and Merl Avenue in Lakewood.

Damaine Bringht followed them to the residence. He then drove more than a quarter of a mile away from the residence and parked his vehicle. He walked to the residence and broke in through the back door and approached the victims. Bringht lifted up his shirt to expose a firearm, demanded their cell phones, and asked if there was a camera inside the residence. He then sexually assaulted two of the females. Afterward, Bringht fled the scene with two of the victims' cell phones and an indoor security camera. He disposed of the cell phones on I-490.

The three victims then called the police and the Lakewood Police Department responded to the scene. Two victims were transported to a nearby hospital where a sexual assault kit was collected. Damaine Bringht was identified with the outdoor security camera. He was arrested two days later on August 14.

On June 27, 2024, Damaine Bringht pleaded guilty to the following charges:

- **One count of Rape**
- **One count of Gross Sexual Imposition**
- **One count of Theft**
- **One count of Tampering With Evidence**
- **One count of Burglary**

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