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## Mahoning County Prosecutor objects to the release of Benjamin Edward Nunley IV.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (Friday, June 3)** - The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office, through Assistant Chief Ralph M. Rivera, filed an objection with the Ohio Parole Board regarding the upcoming parole hearing of Benjamin Edward Nunley, IV scheduled for June 2022. Nunley and his co-defendant callously kidnapped and robbed two siblings at gunpoint, and later took turns raping the sister. Nunley was sentenced to an indefinite 20-50 Years, plus an additional 3 Years for the Firearm Specification.

Around 11:45 p.m. on March 27, 1992, the victims were leaving Mar Hill Lanes in Youngstown, Ohio, after an evening of bowling. Defendant Benjamin Nunley, IV, and his co-defendant Joseph Daviduk ambushed them. The defendant was 16, while Daviduk was 14 when this incident occurred. Nunley cocked a shotgun, pointed it at the brother and sister, and then forced them into the back seat of their vehicle. Nunley drove the car away while Daviduk held the gun on them.

While driving, Nunley and Daviduk demanded their money and personal items. Nunley stopped the vehicle and forced the brother into the trunk. Nunley and Daviduk then took turns raping the sister. Afterward, they ordered her into the trunk with her brother. Defendant and Daviduk then drove around for several hours, making periodic stops to buy drugs and converse with friends, as the victims remained in the trunk. Nunley and Daviduk finally released them around 3:30 a.m.

Nunley was later apprehended and ultimately pleaded guilty to one count of rape, two counts of kidnapping, two counts of aggravated robbery, and one firearm specification.

For all those reasons, the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office, through Prosecutor Paul J. Gains, respectfully OBJECTS to the release of Defendant Benjamin Edward Nunley, IV, because the brutality and callousness of the kidnapping, robbery, and rape demonstrate that paroling Nunley would be inconsistent with protecting our community's welfare and security.