**CAPTION: IN RE: J.A.**

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SUMMARY:

The juvenile court’s adjudication of defendant juvenile of rape in violation of R.C. 2907.02 was based on insufficient evidence because the state failed to present evidence that the complaining witness was “forced,” as defined by statute and case law, to engage in sexual conduct.

JUDGMENT: REVERSED AND APPELLANT DISCHARGED

JUDGES: OPINION by KINSLEY, J.; ZAYAS, P.J., and BOCK, J., CONCUR