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CHILD MOLESTER OSCAR RAX XI RECEIVES MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 50 YEARS

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that on August 14, 2024, after a sentencing hearing, The Honorable Judge Les Shively of the Vanderburgh County Superior Court sentenced convicted child molester Oscar Rax Xi to the maximum allowable sentence of 50 years in the Indiana Department of Correction for his conviction of a Level 1 felony child molesting charge and an additional concurrent 11 years for his conviction on a Level 4 felony child molesting charge. On July 23, 2024, a jury found Oscar Rax Xi guilty of both counts. The Defendant will also be credit-restricted felon and have a lifetime designation as a sexually violent predator.

In July of 2023, Holly’s House conducted a forensic interview and uncovered the sexual abuse of an 8-year-old child. Holly’s House forensic interviewers were able to determine from the victim’s disclosure that Oscar Rax Xi regularly sexually abused the child and used tape to keep the victim from screaming. Throughout the investigation, the Defendant Oscar Rax Xi made comments about fleeing back to Guatemala.

At the sentencing hearing the Judge heard details that the abuse spanned the child’s lifetime and included continuous sexual and physical abuse while the child was kept inside the house and away from society. The child has remaining mental and physical scars.

Prosecutor Moers commented: “I personally handled this sentencing hearing and requested the maximum possible sentence allowable by law (noting that consecutive sentencing was not permissible in this case based on the facts and caselaw) to ensure that the community knows child molestation and abuse cases are a top priority; in my office all child abuse and molestation cases are considered high-profile matters and given the utmost consideration and resources.”

Prosecutor Moers went on to state: “This case has touched all who have worked on it. At the sentencing hearing the victim’s new loving foster parents wrote a very impactful statement of the damage this defendant did to this small child throughout their life; they have suffered mentally and physically at the hands of the Defendant for years. The dedicated CASA worker also gave testimony and I presented case law and factual arguments to justify the maximum allowable sentence in this matter. The victim herself also bravely testified to tell the court what they would like to see happen.

I thank Judge Les Shively for his dedication to children and his amazing handling of this case. The court can be a scary place, but we have all worked together to ensure this very young victim had a voice. Because of the care taken by the Judge, this young child felt comfortable taking the stand at the sentencing. Now, this child never has to worry about being hurt by this monster again: the sentence handed down coupled with his sexually violent predator designation will hopefully ensure he never has access to another child.

The victim in this case is a survivor and has inspired us all with their remarkable resilience and bravery— that even most adults would not be capable of given the same circumstances. We will never forget this innocent child and want them to know they will remain in our hearts.”

Prosecutor Moers extends a special thank you in this case to the great work done by the forensic interviewers at Holly’s House, Prosecutor victim advocate Teresa Wilcox, CASA representative Renee Minnett, Evansville Police Detective Zach Oxford, who thoroughly investigated this case, as well as all of the EPD law enforcement who responded to assist the child.

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