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CHILD MOLESTER FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED **IN SWIFT JURY VERDICT**

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that on July 23, 2024, a jury found Oscar Rax Xi guilty of two counts of Child Molesting, a Level 1 and Level 4 Felony. The Honorable Judge Les C. Shively of the Vanderburgh County Superior Court presided.

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.

Prosecutor Moers commented: "Without the brave testimony of the now 10-year-old survivor in this case, this outcome would not be possible. Because of the courage of this survivor, justice has been served and we will be requesting a lengthy prison sentence followed by swift deportation of the Defendant to Guatemala. Undoubtedly, the survivor in this case has saved other children from the heinous actions of this Defendant who was truly a monster among us—but now he will be in prison where he belongs."

Prosecutor Moers went on to state: "It is absolutely sickening to hear a child testify to the things this child recounted, but Vanderburgh County juries believe children and so do we. The jury verdict in this matter came back swiftly in only 40 minutes. I will never stop fighting for these most innocent and vulnerable victims. My hope is that this child grows to understand their strength and finds loving adults who will provide the care and safety that this precious child deserves. For my part, I will argue that Oscar Rax Xi deserves the maximum amount of time possible inside the prison walls for his heinous acts that have so greatly affected this child."

Prosecutor Moers extends a special thank you in this case to the great work done by the forensic interviewers at Holly's House, Prosecutor Office Victim Advocate Teresa Wilcox, Evansville Police Detective Zach Oxford who thoroughly investigated this case, as well as all the EPD law enforcement who responded to assist this child.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 14, 2024, in front of the Honorable Judge Les C. Shively of the Vanderburgh County Superior Court.

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