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DELAWARE MAN GETS LIFE IN PRISON FOR THE RAPE OF TWO JUVENILES



Ronald Milton Williams will spend the rest of his life behind bars, no possibility for parole.

A jury found Williams guilty of 16 counts of rape involving two juvenile victims after a four-day trial that ended on January 23, 2020. Williams was later found to be a sexual predator by Judge David Gormley.

R. Williams

"It is our duty to stand against criminals, but it is our honor to fight for justice for victims," said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa A. Schiffel. "This case ended with a just verdict, and these victims are no longer silenced by this predator."

Williams, 55, was arrested by Delaware Police and indicted in July 2019. The resulting conviction was a joint effort by many people and agencies who came together for a common cause, to ensure that Williams be punished for his crimes and never have the opportunity to offend again.

"The brave victims in this case who came forward and confronted their predator in court, coupled with the thorough investigation of Delaware City Police Detective Sean Franks, made this conviction possible," Schiffel said. "I'd like also to recognize the dedication of our Victim Advocate, Megan Powell, and Assistant Prosecutors Joel Walker and Hawken Flanagan, who worked tirelessly to achieve this verdict for not only the victims in this case, but sexual assault victims everywhere."

If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual trauma, there is help. Law enforcement is always available, 24/7. You are not alone. HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties offers a free, confidential crisis hotline. The number is 1-800-684-2324 or text helpline to 898211.

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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER HEADED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES OF MINORS



Kimes, D.

David W. Kimes II was sentenced to 8-12 years in prison for possessing sexually explicit images of minors on his mobile device.

Kimes, a 31-year-old Delaware resident, was indicted in June 2019. A jury found him guilty in January 2020 of five counts of pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor - all second-degree felonies.

As a result of a 2010 conviction, Kimes was already classified as a sex offender. As a Tier II sex offender, he must register with the sheriff in the county of his residence every 180 days for 25 years after his release from prison.

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