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### **Newark Man Sentenced For Aggravated Burglary/Assault**



Paris Monroe Hill, 24, was sentenced to 13 to 18 years in prison.

Charges for Hill came after he forced his way into an ex-girlfriend's Lewis Center residence on April 7, 2019.

A jury found Hill guilty of two counts of aggravated burglary – both first-degree felonies carrying firearm specifications, one count of menacing by stalking – a fourth-degree felony, and a misdemeanor

**Hill, Paris M.**

count of assault.

In addition to prison, the court ordered Hill to complete five years of post release control.

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## DELAWARE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



**B. Eley**

Brian J. Eley was sentenced to 8 years in prison after pleading guilty to ten counts of child pornography – all second-degree felonies involving illegal computer downloads.

“Unfortunately, there is no safe place for our kids from online predators,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa A. Schiffel. “We live in a wonderful community, but we can’t let our guards down. Predators are good at hiding what they don’t want us to know, and parents must stay vigilant. We applaud the efforts of Detective Dan Madden with the Delaware City Police Department whose thorough and relentless investigation enabled us to seek justice.”

Eley was indicted in March 2019 after the National Center For Missing And Exploited Children (NCMEC) received a cyber tip in January 2019. The tip ultimately connected child pornography images with a photo-sharing service called SmugMug-Flickr. The internet-based account was linked back to Mr. Eley, and a search warrant was executed at his Delaware city residence in February 2019.

Chief Criminal Assistant Prosecutor Mark Sleeper told the court today at sentencing that prison was where this defendant belonged. Sleeper outlined the serious charges against Eley as well as concerning behavior displayed by the defendant such as videotaping neighborhood children at play and taking photos of children while on a beach vacation.

As a result of his crimes, Eley is classified as a Tier II sex offender. As such, he must register his address every 180 days for 25 years after his release from prison. The court also ordered he serve 5 years post release control.

“Internet predators can live anywhere – the pretty house next door, the perfect-looking home with the white picket fence – it does not matter,” said Prosecutor Schiffel. “Fortunately, we live in a great county where the good outweighs the bad by leaps and bounds. Still, if you suspect any wrongdoing, play it safe and call law enforcement. We all have a part to play in keeping our community—our kids especially-- safe and strong.”

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### WESTERVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR THE RAPE OF A MINOR



**McDermott**

Patrick McDermott was sentenced to 25 years to life, for the rape of a child under the age of 13.

"This is another tragic case for a young victim who will have to deal with the aftermath of abuse for the rest of their life," said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. "We are humbled daily to witness the strength of sexual assault survivors. With them, we are able to fight for justice and put people like McDermott right where they belong—prison. A special thanks to the Westerville City Police Department for their thorough investigation to ensure this man will never harm another child again."

McDermott, 72, remained in custody since his May 2019 indictment. He ultimately pleaded guilty and was immediately sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. In addition to time behind bars, if he is ever released from prison, McDermott is subject to five years post release control and is classified as a Tier III sex offender. As such, he is required to register with the sheriff in his county of residence every 90 days for the duration of his life.

"Parents and trusted adults, please listen to children. It is because of a caring adult in this case who listened to a child that we were able to stop this man and save a victim from continued sexual abuse," Schiffel said. "Sexual predators are often individuals who are trusted by parents and children alike. They exploit that trust to prey upon the most vulnerable members of our society. Information, education, and open discussions with our children are the best defenses to child sexual abuse. To report a crime or a suspicion of sexual abuse, call 911 immediately."

Some helpful resources include:

[www.stopitnow.org](http://www.stopitnow.org)  
[www.childmind.org](http://www.childmind.org)