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**DELAWARE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON**

After a two-day jury trial, Jarell Sanders was found guilty of F3 domestic violence for violently assaulting the mother of his child on December 6, 2019.

Sanders was sentenced to three years in prison. He had previously been convicted of two prior offenses involving violence, and during the time of the December 6 attack, he was on community control for a previous assault involving the same victim.

If you are the victim of domestic violence, please know you are not alone. Domestic violence can affect anyone. It is blind to gender, race, age, and socioeconomic status. It can affect anyone at any time. If you or someone you know is involved in a domestic violence situation, there is help.

*Law enforcement is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

*Turning Point is Delaware County's Domestic Violence Shelter. You do not have to live at the shelter in order to receive help. Their 24-hour hotline is: 1-800-232-6505. (Web: turningpoint6.org)



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**MOUNT GILEAD MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON
FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING CHILDREN**

William Meeks will spend the rest of his life behind bars for the ongoing sexual abuse of two young children.

“Crimes against children are heinous,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. “This monster abused his role as a trusted adult in the most vile way, and he will now spend the rest of his life in prison answering for his crimes.”

After a four-day trial and hearing the testimony of 19 witnesses, a jury found 45-year-old Meeks guilty of 10 counts of F1 rape, two counts of F3 gross sexual imposition, and one count of F4 gross sexual imposition. At the sentencing hearing, the court handed down a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole, and declared Meeks to be a Tier III sexual offender.

“As we continue to prosecute child sex offenders, I’d like to remind parents to talk with your children, and believe them,” said Schiffel. “Each sexual assault is heartbreaking, but when it involves a child and an abuser who should be a trusted adult, it is even more distressing. As parents and community members, we have to be vigilant for our kids. Watch for warning signs and always listen to your kids. Really listen, and if they disclose abuse, believe them. Be the person they can count on, and call law enforcement, experts, and professionals for help.”



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**DELAWARE COUNTY JAIL INMATE HEADED TO PRISON
AFTER ASSAULTING TWO CORRECTIONS OFFICERS**

Brian Armstrong was sentenced to eight months in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of F5 assault involving corrections officers at the Delaware County Jail.

On February 2, 2020 officers were gathering mats from various cells as part of a lock down procedure.

Brian Armstrong, 39, was an inmate during this time, and he refused to hand over his mat. When officers entered his cell to retrieve the mat, Armstrong physically assaulted them. One officer was punched in the chest and elbowed in the face. Another was punched in the face multiple times, and had his airway impeded after Armstrong grabbed his collar.

Armstrong was eventually restrained. He pled guilty in December and was sentenced earlier this month.

