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\$1.5 Million Bond Set For Accused Murderer



Bond was set yesterday for the man accused of murdering 28-year-old Brittany McDowell.

Delaware County Prosecutor, Melissa A. Schiffel requested a \$1.5 million bond in municipal court for 24-year-old John David Bartholomew.

J. Bartholomew

Bartholomew, of Columbus, was arrested on July 9, 2019 for the murder of McDowell, whose body was found July 4, 2019 at Alum Creek State Park.

“Our heart goes out to the family of Ms. McDowell,” Schiffel said. “We will continue to diligently work as we collaborate with law enforcement to prepare this case for possible presentation to the grand jury for felony indictment.”

The investigation in this matter is ongoing. Agencies involved include the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Columbus Division of Police, Perry Township Police, and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

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SUNBURY MAN SENTENCED TO 79.5 YEARS TO LIFE FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING MINORS



David Nunley

The Delaware County Prosecutor's Office of Melissa A. Schiffel announced today that David Nunley was sentenced to 65 years to life for multiple sexual assaults including rape, and an additional 14.5 years for other sexual assault charges against children, making his total sentence 79.5 years to life in prison.

"Another sexual predator is off the streets," said Delaware County Prosecutor Melissa Schiffel. "Brave victims came forward, and we were able to fight for justice on their behalf."

Nunley has been in the Delaware County Jail since a jury found him guilty in June of rape, attempted rape, gross sexual imposition, and endangering children. The 51-year-old was found to be a sexually violent predator. After today's sentencing, Nunley will be transported to prison to serve out his term.

"It can be difficult to identify sexual predators because they lie and manipulate those around them," Schiffel said. "It is important to trust our instincts, talk openly with our children, empower them with information, and learn about the warning signs of abuse."

Some helpful resources include:

www.stopitnow.org

www.childmind.org (Click on topics A-Z, scroll down to concerns, click on abuse, and scroll down to view useful articles discussing signs of sexual abuse, talking to children about sexual abuse, and even teaching skills to prevent sexual abuse.)