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FRANK HERTEL SR. SENTENCED AFTER 20 YEARS



Frank Hertel Sr. was sentenced to 19 to 95 years in prison today for rape crimes he committed two decades ago. He will also be labeled a Tier III sex offender for life.

The sentence comes after Hertel, now 51, pleaded guilty to 3 counts of rape – all first-degree felonies, and 2 counts of gross sexual imposition – both third-degree felonies.

"What this man did to his own daughter is inexcusable," said Delaware County Prosecutor, Carol O'Brien. "There is ongoing sexual abuse that occurred over a period of years throughout her childhood, and he shows no remorse."

Frank Hertel Sr.

Prosecutor O'Brien asked for the maximum sentences on each count, and further, that each sentence be served consecutive to one another.

Judge Everett Krueger handed down a sentence range of 19 to 95 years, as was customary during the time the crimes were committed. The Judge also said the Ohio sentences on each charge are to be served consecutively to one another, but concurrent to a sentence Mr. Hertel is already serving in Arizona.

"After the initial abuse in Ohio, Mr. Hertel moved to Arizona and continued to abuse his daughter, Heather," O'Brien said. "He was on trial there in 2001 and sentenced to 20 years in prison when he fled to Germany. After 12 years on the run, Mr. Hertel was extradited."

When the Arizona sentence is complete, Hertel will be brought to Ohio to serve his sentence. He will be 71 years old.

In November 2013, Hertel initially entered a guilty plea, but rescinded that plea at what was supposed to be his sentencing hearing in December, saying he did not understand that the charges required mandatory prison time. Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien reindicted Hertel in January. Hertel once again pleaded guilty on March 3, 2014 to the same charges he initially pleaded guilty to in November.

"It's taken 20 years and three Delaware County Prosecutors to bring this case full circle," O'Brien said. "It's one of the most difficult cases I've dealt with, and I'm not the victim. I am absolutely in awe of Heather. Her persistence and determination played a huge role in bringing her father to justice. She is a hero."

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LEWIS CENTER MAN INDICTED ON MULTPLE COUNTS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a 16-count indictment against 62-year-old George D. Metzger.

The indictment comes after a March 3 search of Metzger's home revealed numerous videos and images of child pornography.

"In addition to the videos and images, all computers and electronic storage media were removed from the residence," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Investigators continue to comb through the evidence for pornographic materials."

George Metzger

Metzger is currently charged with 16 counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor – all second-degree felonies.

The indictment outlines charges from November 2011 to March 2014. It lists the ages of children involved as being as young as three years old, up to 17 years old.

Metzger is in jail, awaiting arraignment.

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MAN INDICTED FOR TWICE ROBBING THE SAME STORE



A Delaware County Grand Jury this week returned an indictment against Anthony R. Kennedy for robbing the same store twice in a matter of days.

On March 4 and March 8, 2014 police were called to United Dairy Farmers at 123 W. Williams Street in Delaware.

Anthony Kennedy "Surveillance video shows Anthony Kennedy at the check out counter," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "In both instances UDF employees say Kennedy indicated he had a gun, demanded cash, and fled on foot."

Kennedy, 46, is charged with two counts of aggravated robbery with a firearm specification and a repeat violent offender specification – both first-degree felonies. The repeat violent offender specification stems from a 2003 robbery conviction in Pennsylvania.

Kennedy is in the Delaware County jail.

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DOCTOR SENTENCED FOR DRIVING DRUNK, INJURING BICYCLIST



Elizabeth Unk was sentenced today in Delaware Common Pleas Court for driving drunk and hitting a bicyclist in September of 2012.

Unk, 39, was sentenced to 15 days in jail and three years community service. She will pay \$3,875 in fines and be required to perform 400 hours community service. Ms. Unk's driver's license is suspended for two years. In addition, she must not consume or possess alcohol and is mandated to attend weekly meetings for ongoing treatment.

Elizabeth Unk

"This case demonstrates that no matter who you are, or how confident you feel about driving after drinking, it is absolutely the wrong choice and can end tragically," said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O'Brien. "Thankfully in this case, the victim survived, but the lesson here is that his injuries did not have to happen at all."

Unk pleaded guilty in February 2013 to vehicular assault – a fourth-degree felony and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them – a first-degree misdemeanor.

The incident occurred Sept. 12, 2012 along State Route 23 and Green Meadows Drive.

Unk was indicted in May of 2013.

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