



Man Pleads Guilty to Rape in 16 Year Old Cold Case

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Brian Sundin, 58, formerly of Mason, Ohio, pled guilty today to rape, a felony of the 1st degree, in front of Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Peeler.

In July of 2000, a nurse at Brookside Extended Care Center in Mason discovered a large amount of blood in the diaper of a severely developmentally disabled adult female resident of the facility. The victim was transported to Bethesda North Hospital where a subsequent examination revealed trauma consistent with a sexual assault. Mason Police Department crime scene investigators also collected evidence from the scene. Officials from the Ohio Attorney General's Office tested the diaper and, in addition to blood, discovered the presence of semen. BCI officials tested the semen for DNA, entered the DNA testing results into the nationwide CODIS database, and approximately 16 years later, the testing results "hit" on Sundin's DNA profile that was entered by the Florida Department of Corrections. Sundin is believed to have made entry to the facility through a single doorway that was discovered to be unsecured at the time.

The severely developmentally disabled female victim died in 2011. However, at the time of the alleged rape, she was non-verbal, functioned at the level of an infant, and required total support for all necessary life functions and activities.

Sundin will be sentenced at a later date.

"I'm just so grateful that advances in technology gave us the ability to solve this horrific crime and to bring some measure of closure to the victim's family, even after her death," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell commended Det. Jamie Van Wagner, Det. Sean McCormick, Sgt. Matt Hayes, Ptl. Don Cope, Lt. Neil Garland, Det. Jeff Wyss, Sgt. Jeremy Saylor, and Lt. Jeff Burson of the Mason Police Department, Assistant Prosecutors Carrie Heisele and Teresa Hiatt, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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