

Man Found Guilty of Raping Child Sentenced to 15 Years to Life in Prison

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David Randall King, 58, of Pleasant Plain, Ohio, was sentenced today to life in prison with parole eligibility after 15 years for two counts of rape, felonies of the 1st degree; and one count of gross sexual imposition, a felony of the 3rd degree. Last month, a Warren County jury convicted King of the offenses.

From January 2014 to October 2015, King sexually assaulted a (then) five to six year-old female at his residence in Pleasant Plain. King was one of the child's caretakers at the time of the offenses. He discouraged her from disclosing the sexual assaults, telling the child on at least one occasion that she "wasn't brave enough to tell anyone." The crimes came to light in May of 2016 when the child disclosed the sexual assaults to her foster parents, who subsequently reported them to Warren County Children Services.

"We often hear the word 'courage' overused when describing everyday actions. In this case, a nine year-old girl sat in a courtroom in front of a judge, 12 jurors, the attorneys, and everyone else in that audience, with her rapist looking right at her, and described in exact detail what he did to her. THAT is courage," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell also commended Detective Brandi Carter, Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Heisele, Victim Witness Coordinator Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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