

Franklin Man Sentenced for Sexual Battery

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Paul Byrd, a 64-year-old Franklin man, pled guilty on Monday to one count of sexual battery and one count of gross sexual imposition involving a child under the age of 13. Today, Judge Donald Oda sentenced Byrd to 12 years in prison.

Byrd had sexual contact with the victim beginning in December 2013. Three days after the Franklin Police Department started their investigation, they were called to a wooded area behind Franklin High School where Byrd was found laying on the ground. He was apprehended without incident and had a .380 handgun in his possession.

Byrd will also have to register as a Tier III sex offender when he is released from prison. He must register every 90 days for life.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell gave praise to the Franklin Police Department for their investigation and apprehension of Byrd, as well as Assistant Prosecutor Teresa Hiatt, who prosecuted the case.



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