

# **Carlisle Man Sentenced to 28 Years in Prison for Sexual Assault of a Child**

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Brian Thoma, 42, of Carlisle, was sentenced last week to 28 years in prison by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Donald Oda. In October, Thoma was found guilty of eight counts of sexual battery, felonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and seven counts of gross sexual imposition, felonies of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree.

In April 2016, the minor victim disclosed to her friend at school that Thoma had been molesting her since September 2015. This was reported to a teacher and principal who called law enforcement. The victim then disclosed to law enforcement that the sexual assault would occur on a weekly basis. Detectives responded to Thoma's home where he was arrested and later admitted to inappropriately touching the victim.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the efforts of Officer Katie Gee of the Carlisle Police Department, Detective Chris Wong and Detective James Engelhardt of the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Assistant Prosecutor Travis Vieux, Director of Victim Witness Services Jessi Flint, and Legal Assistant Kathy Fink for their work on the case.



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