



Man Sentenced for Rape in 16 Year Old Cold Case

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Brian Sundin, 58, formerly of Mason, Ohio, was sentenced today to 10 years in prison and classified a sexual predator by Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Peeler. In October, Sundin pled guilty to one count of rape, a felony of the 1st degree, for the 2000 rape of a severely developmentally disabled adult female resident at the Brookside Extended Care Center in Mason.

The case had been unsolved for 16 years until officials from the Ohio Attorney General's Office tested a 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 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.

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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