

# **Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sexual Assault and Child Pornography**

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Jimmy Smith, 35, of Lebanon, Ohio, was sentenced today to life in prison by Warren County Common Pleas Judge Robert W. Peeler. In August, Smith pled guilty to one count of rape of a child under 13 (F-1), two counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material (F-2), one count of endangering children (F-2), one count of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor (F-2), and two counts of gross sexual imposition (F-3). Smith was also designated a Tier III sexually-oriented offender. Smith's first eligibility for parole will be in 25 years.

From January through March of 2019, Smith sexually abused two females, one 4 years old and another 8 years old, at his Lebanon home. During the abuse, Smith would pose the girls and take naked pictures of them. On March 11, 2019, Smith sent a naked picture of one of the girls to an undercover detective in the state of Texas. The undercover detective then contacted the Lebanon Police Department to investigate.

"This case is an example of the collaborative effort from law enforcement agencies across the country to investigate child exploitation, and to bring these abusers to justice. We're grateful that Judge Peeler saw this horrific conduct for what it was, and imposed a very lengthy prison sentence against Smith," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell commended Sgt. Matt Weithofer and Detective Tim Cooper of the Lebanon Police Department, Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Hardman, Victim Witness Coordinator, Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Brenda Berry for their work on the case.



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