

Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Rape of Child

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Today, Justin M. Fannin, 42, of Carlisle was sentenced to life in prison for raping a female child who was under the age of eight at the time of the offense. Last week, a Warren County jury convicted Fannin of three counts of rape, felonies of the 1st degree, and one count of gross sexual imposition, a felony of the 3rd degree. During today's sentencing hearing, Warren County Common Pleas Court Judge Timothy N. Tepe sentenced Fannin to life in prison. Fannin is not eligible for parole for 33 years.

During the time period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2019, Fannin engaged in sexual conduct with the juvenile female victim on three separate occasions at Fannin's residence at the time, which was located in Clearcreek Township. Fannin also engaged in sexual contact with the same victim at his residence.

"I continue to be impressed by the bravery shown by these young child victims when they come into court – in front of jurors, prosecutors, audience members, and the defendants themselves – and tell their stories of the horrific things done to them," said Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell.

Fornshell commended Clearcreek Township Police Department Detective Kevin Barton, Miamisburg Police Department Detective Jason Threlkeld, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Detective Isaiah Keller, Warren County Sheriff's Office Detective Brandi Carter, Warren County Prosecutor's Office Assistant Prosecutors Carrie Heisele and Travis J. Vieux, Victim Witness Coordinator Melissa Kennard, and Legal Assistant Ginger Weigel for their work on the case.



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