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James Orr Sentenced to 50 Years to Life for the Sexual Abuse of a Child

Rochester, NY- On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 54-year-old James Orr was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Judith Sinclair to 50 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. James Orr was previously convicted by a jury of two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child for the sexual abuse against an eleven year old girl.

This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole. This abuse occurred on January 30, 2022. The defendant and the victim were strangers to each other. Because of his history and his status on the sex abuse registry, James Orr was civilly committed on parole at the time of the sexual assault.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

“The strength and fortitude of this young victim cannot be overstated,” said Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson. “This young survivor showed incredible resiliency by reporting her trauma and facing her abuser in court. Both the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole were instrumental in the identification of James Orr, a dangerous sex offender. I want to thank Bivona Child Advocacy Center for their critical work with the survivor in this case. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office today’s life sentence will assist this survivor as she continues to heal from this unspeakable trauma.”

“James Orr is a sexual predator and a danger to the children in our community,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “This young child was a stranger to James Orr when he made the heinous decision to violate and sexually assault her. It is because of this young victim’s sheer bravery that James Orr can no longer hurt another child. If you know or suspect a child may be in danger, I urge you to call law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center.”

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