## News Release from The Honorable Sandra Doorley

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## David Pratt Sentenced to 20 years to Life for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child

Rochester, NY- On Monday, November 4, 2024, 35-year-old David Pratt was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Miller to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The defendant was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for the ongoing sexual abuse of a child between June 2, 2016 and June 1, 2021. The defendant was also convicted of an additional count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for a second victim.

Between 2016 and 2021, David Pratt sexually abused a child on multiple occasions. He also began the abuse of a second victim in 2022. In 2023, both victims came forward to report the abuse. This was investigated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, who arrested David Pratt for the years of sexual abuse.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon, of the Special Victims Unit.

"Today, a sexual offender was sentenced to 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections, because two of his survivors portrayed strength and courage in testifying against their abuser," said Assistant District Attorney Hillary Langdon. "While we expect and encourage victims of child sexual abuse to report their assailants, I must emphasize the difficulty in reporting your abuser and facing them in court. I am so proud of these survivors, whose disclosures have ensured that David Pratt will be unable to hurt another child. David Pratt should never be around children again and is best served in the New York State Department of Corrections."

"A life sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections is the only appropriate outcome for the vile and disturbing sexual abuse David Pratt perpetrated," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Although nothing will change the abuse that this defendant has inflicted, I hope that today's life sentence can help these courageous survivors heal from their trauma. If you know or suspect a child may be in danger, I urge you to call law enforcement or Bivona Child Advocacy Center."