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Jason Christopher Baker-Blair receives 180 month prison sentence for raping, sexually abusing a child

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that earlier this week 41-year-old Jason Christopher Baker-Blair received a 180 month prison sentence for raping a child.

Baker-Blair changed his plea and was convicted of one count of rape in the first degree, one count of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of attempted sexual abuse in the first degree.

By changing his plea, Baker-Blair admitted that he knowingly engaged in sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 16 and that on two separate occasions he either actually touched or attempted to touch a sexually intimate part of the child.

This investigation started on December 11, 2018 when a mandatory reporter called the Oregon Department of Human Services' Child Abuse Report hotline after receiving information about possible abuse involving a child.

During the forensic child abuse evaluation, the victim disclosed that Baker-Blair started touching her when she was approximately 12 years old.

Evidence analyzed by the Oregon State Police confirmed Baker-Blair's DNA was present in the victim's Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kit.

It was through the coordination, communication and collaboration of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team that this case was investigated and prosecuted.

The Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team includes representatives from local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team is responsible for reviewing and managing child abuse and neglect cases in Multnomah County. The team also handles all child homicides, felony child physical abuse cases, felony child abandonment cases, custodial interference cases, and felony sex crimes where the victim is currently under the age of 18 and where the perpetrator is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes the Multnomah County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team, the Portland Police Bureau, PPB Detective Jonathan Hunt and the staff at CARES Northwest in Multnomah County for their dedicated efforts investigating this matter.

The District Attorney's Office also recognizes Victim Advocate Malia Bruni for her commitment to supporting the victim and her family throughout the criminal justice process.

CARES Northwest, Multnomah County's child abuse assessment center, is a community-based medical program for the evaluation, treatment and prevention of child abuse. The organization is one of the largest child abuse assessment centers in the nation and serves more than 5,000 children annually.

Upon his release, Baker-Blair will be on post-prison supervision and will have to register as a sex offender.

This case was prosecuted by Multnomah County Senior Deputy District Attorney Amity Girt.

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