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Jonathan Paul Rogers receives a 20 year prison sentence for sexually assaulting two children

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 34-year-old Jonathan Paul Rogers received a 20 year prison sentence for sexually assaulting two children.

After changing his plea, the court convicted Rogers of one count of sodomy in the first degree, one count of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count of attempted unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree.

This investigation started in December of 2018 when Portland Police School Resource Officer Heidi Kreis gave a presentation to students at a local school about sexual harassment.

While Officer Kreis was at the school, a 12 year old girl reported someone she knows had been touching her for years. The child told Officer Kreis that the abuse was still happening and also involved another minor.

The abuse was immediately reported the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline and the Multnomah County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team launched an investigation.

When questioned by police, Rogers admitted he sexually abused both girls.

In a victim's impact statement addressed to the court, the victims' mother said:

“ It is hard to fully describe the impact this has had on all our lives. The girls suffer long term psychological effects and will require years of help to just learn to be okay. They have spent the past 15 months in constant fear that somehow he would come back. Despite all reassurances that such a thing will not happen. No child should live with such a worry. No child should be put through what they...have gone through. This nightmare lives with them every day. No amount of prison time will be enough to give them back the years they suffered at Jon's hands.”

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

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office recognizes Portland Police Officer Heidi Kreis and Gresham Police Detective Aaron Dressler for their dedicated efforts investigating this case.

We also recognize DA Victim Advocate Malia Bruni for the support and advocacy she provided the victims throughout this case.

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 CARES Northwest, local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, health departments, local mental health service providers, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and Multnomah County's Department of Community Justice.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team works with community partners to protect children who have been abused and neglected while ensuring that all practices are trauma-informed and mitigate the life-long consequences of child abuse. The team also handles 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 suspect is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

CARES Northwest, Multnomah County's child abuse assessment center, is a community-based medical program for the assessment, 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.

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