

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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Warren man pleads guilty to raping 12-year-old girl



Jeremy Cox, 45, at left, of Vernon Avenue NW, Warren, today pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree rape and one count gross sexual imposition, a fourth-degree felony, and was sentenced by Common Pleas Judge Cynthia Rice to a life prison term with his first chance at parole coming after he serves 10 years.

Cox was charged with forced sexual intercourse with a girl who was 12 years old in the fall of 2019. Assistant Prosecutor Diane Barber also stated the defendant was charged with inappropriately touching the victim on the

buttock.

The victim spoke to the judge prior to sentencing, thanking those who helped her through this ordeal.

Cox was labeled a Tier 3 sexual offender which means he would have to register his address with the sheriff's office every 90 days for the rest of his life.

The plea deal averted a jury trial for Cox that was scheduled to begin Tuesday, March 5 before Judge Cynthia Rice.

After the plea hearing, the defendant, who was free after posting a \$10,000 bond, was handcuffed and led away by deputies from the courtroom.

For more information, contact Guy M. Vogrin, investigator/public information officer for the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office at 330-675-2485.

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Noel Flores pleads guilty in slaying of Warren mom



A 20-year-old man pleaded guilty today to an involuntary manslaughter charge connected to the shooting death of a Warren mother in her Francis Avenue SE home in November 2023.

Noel Flores, photo at left, agreed to a plea deal which reduced his first-degree murder charge but kept the firearm specification leveled against him. He also pleaded guilty to charges of improper discharge of a firearm that also carries a three-year gun specification plus three counts of third-degree possession of a firearm in a liquor permit premise.

Common Pleas Judge Andrew D. Logan will sentence Flores after he undergoes a background investigation conducted by probation officers. He faces maximum consecutive sentences totaling 34 years.

On Nov. 11, 2023, 26-year-old Ashante Fisher-Kirksey was shot in the neck, according to the prosecutors, during a gunfight that followed a confrontation at the Francis Avenue SE residence.

First Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Becker said Fisher-Kirksey was struck by a bullet fired from Noell's gun. According to reports, Noell was leaving the house when shots were fired, and Noell used his gun to return fire into the home.

The gun was also carried by Noell into three liquor establishments in the Warren area earlier that night, Becker said.

After the crime, Flores had fled to St. Petersburg, Florida, where U.S. Marshals tracked him down in December. Flores was found at a Florida apartment carrying the same 9mm firearm which was matched to the one used in Fisher-Kirksey's death, Becker said.

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Man, 22, pleads guilty in child pornography case



Blake McCormick, 22, of Blair Drive, Warren, pleaded guilty today to a 15-count indictment dealing with downloading child pornography.

McCormick pleaded guilty to eight counts of pandering sex-oriented material involving a minor and seven counts illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material or performances. All the charges are second-degree felonies that carry a maximum eight-year prison sentences, with the first one carrying a maximum indefinite eight- to 12-year term.

McCormick will be sentenced by Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Andrew D. Logan after he undergoes a background investigation conducted by the probation department. He will also be labeled a Tier 2 sexual offender which will require him to register with the sheriff's office twice per year for 25 years.

According to reports, McCormick was downloading the child pornography onto his cellphone. A search warrant was used to garner evidence against McCormick, prosecutors said.

The case involved an internet tip received by the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The investigation was then turned over to the Warren Police Department and Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Sanders represented the state of Ohio in court.

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