

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: March 25, 2025

Newton Falls man pleads guilty to first-degree rape

A 76-year-old Newton Falls man pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 25, 2025, to a first-degree rape charge involving having forced oral sex with an adult male relative.



Thomas C. Giljahn, of Ridge Road, faces a potential three to 16½ year prison sentence and up to \$20,000 fine at sentencing after he undergoes a background investigation conducted by probation officers. Common Pleas Ronald J. Rice will also label Giljahn a Tier 3 sexual offender which means he will have to register every 90 days for the rest of his life.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett represented the state in the case. The court record showed the crime occurred in November 2022 and was investigated by the Trumbull County sheriff's office.

The plea hearing offset a jury trial that was scheduled to begin Monday, March 31 in Judge Rice's courtroom.

Giljahn remains incarcerated in Trumbull County jail.

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