

TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
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Trumbull County sex offender denied parole



The Trumbull County Prosecutor's Victim/Witness Advocate Mary Jo Hosok learned today from the Ohio Adult Parole Authority that Trumbull County sexual offender Franklin Bumgardner, 50, has been denied release on parole.

According to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections website, Bumgardner, at left, who is housed at Grafton Correctional Institution, will next be eligible for a parole hearing in February 2029. He went before the parole board last month seeking release.

In September 2007, Bumgardner pleaded guilty to four counts rape, one count attempted rape and three counts gross sexual imposition and was sentenced by retired Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge W. Wyatt McKay to 10 years to life in prison in September 2007. Judge McKay also labeled him a sexual predator which requires him to register his address for life with the sheriff's office if he is ever released from prison.

Bumgardner's victim was a juvenile and the case was investigated by the Trumbull County Sheriff's office, Trumbull County Children Services, and the county's Child Advocacy Center.

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