

Warren man gest 25-to-life in rape case

A 43-year-old Warren man was sentenced Wednesday, July 5, 2023, to a life prison sentence with his first chance at parole after serving 25 years.



Francis LaCamera of Summit Street NW, was found guilty by a Trumbull County jury on Friday, June 23, 2023, of all 10 counts involving the sexual assault of a then 12-year-old Hubbard girl over a six-month period of 2020.

Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Cynthia Rice made sentencing for all 10 counts for LaCamera to serve at the same time. A victim's advocate for the Prosecutor's Office read a prepared statement on behalf of the victim. The defendant declined to speak to the judge before sentence was pronounced.

Assistant Prosecutor Gabriel Wildman had asked the judge for consecutive sentence because of the repeated acts that lasted for almost a year. Wildman also said the defendant showed no remorse for the offenses and did not accept responsibility.

Last month, jurors took a little more than seven hours of deliberations before returning guilty verdicts on one count of gross sexual imposition and nine counts of rape against Lacamera.

After the verdicts were read, Judge Rice found the defendant not guilty of all 10 sexually violent predator specifications that would have added to his prison sentence.

Jurors listened to two days of testimony before getting the case after lunch on June 22.. Among those presenting evidence were the victim, her mother, a Hubbard police detective and representatives of the Child Advocacy Center in Boardman who had interviewed the victim after the charges came to light in 2021.

For more information, contact Guy Vogrin of Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office at 330-675-2485.