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**Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor**  
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## **Howland man gets 24 to 28 yrs in porn, animal sex case**



A Howland man on Sept. 3 received consecutive sentences totaling 24 to 28 years in prison after a Trumbull County jury took just 30 minutes on Aug. 27 to convict him of 11 charges dealing with child pornography, child abuse and sex with an animal.

Trent Addicott, 27, was found guilty of four counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, two counts of pandering obscenity to minors, all second-degree felonies, and five misdemeanor charges of sexual misconduct with an animal.

Common Pleas Judge Ronald J. Rice, in his sentencing entry, stated he was deeply disturbed how Addicott entered the criminal justice system for the first time.

“You have ruined your family and permanently tarnished your reputation. You did all this to gratify your own perverted sexual desires.”

Video evidence played to jurors showed five times Addicott engaging in sexual activity with a dog, one of which was in the presence of a 2-year-old child. Photographs also were presented depicting Addicott fondling himself with the young minor nearby.

“The pictures of yourself masturbating (with the child present) are absolutely despicable. Your self-made videos of you having anal intercourse with your family dog is one of the most disgusting things I have had the displeasure to watch inside my courtroom in the last 32 years,” the judge told Addicott.

Prosecutor Dennis Watkins said the state did a great job in getting the verdict and was pleased with the sentenced. He also congratulated both Assistant Prosecutor Gabriel Wildman and the law enforcement investigators including Howland Township police detective Nicholas Brancaccio.

In his sentencing memorandum filed with the court Aug. 30, Wildman stated : “This convicted “sinister” defendant is connecting dots, and when you connect them together one sees a picture that is not safe for either children or animals.”

In his sentencing memo, Wildman sought a 36 to 40-year sentence saying Addicott was a “child abuser, child pornographer, animal abuser and sexual deviant.”

Addicott was labeled a Tier 2 sexual offender meaning after his release from prison, he would have to register with the local sheriff's office twice per year for 25 years.

Rice said Addicott accepted limited responsibility or the offense but had a dearth of genuine remorse for the crimes committed.

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