

## TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter

**UPDATE:** June 5, 2025

### **CASE FILE: Brian Clingerman, age 55, UP-THE-LADDER RAPIST, sexual predator and career criminal**



**INCARCERATED:** Noble Correctional Institution

**PAROLE HEARING:** July 2025 (previous Sept. 2021)

**SENTENCED:** On March 14, 1995, Clingerman was sentenced by former Judge Andrew D. Logan to 12 to 50 years in prison for conviction of two counts of rape.

**THE CRIMES:** These convictions and consecutive prison terms resulted from two separate violent, sexual assaults against two separate victims occurring approximately five months apart in August 1994 and January of 1995. About three months prior to the first rape, on May 23, 1994, Clingerman was released from prison after serving one year of incarceration for an attempted burglary conviction. And beyond that, to do insult and damage and in amazement to his Ripley's performance – a criminal record that speaks for itself:

On Aug. 20, 1994, Clingerman used a ladder to enter the bedroom of a 33-year-old divorcee who lived with her aunt. She was attacked while she slept. Clingerman put his hand over her mouth. He then digitally penetrated her and bit her breast. When the victim tried to resist, Clingerman assaulted her, striking her in the face, bloodying her nose and hitting her about the head until she became disoriented. After choking the victim, he then forcibly turned her face down on the bed and then vaginally raped her from behind while holding her hair.

On Jan. 18, 1995, Clingerman again forcibly made entry into the home of a 23-year-old mother of two, who was also asleep when the sexual predator attacked her. The victim's three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter were both in the bed when Clingerman struck. When the victim tried to resist, Clingerman grabbed her hair slamming her head on the bed. He then took her into another bedroom, where he fondled her breasts and sexually assaulted her with both his finger and his penis.

Judge Logan in a five-page court entry determined that Clingerman is a sexual predator as a matter of fact of law. The judge made the following findings:

Clingerman began his criminal career at age 14 in 1984. He had 15 separate appearances in the juvenile justice system including offenses of aggravated burglary, burglary, arson, theft, truancy, vandalism and parole violations. On three separate occasions, he was sentenced to the Department of Youth Services before being ultimately discharged as an adult.

From ages 18 to 24, Clingerman continued his criminal ways with multiple B&Es, receiving stolen property, arson and attempted burglary. He served both county jail and state prison terms.

Judge Logan stated that by clear and convincing evidence, Clingerman is likely to re-offend and/or is likely to engage in future sexually oriented offenses.

**“Clingerman would be extremely dangerous to women and society at large if released... he is truly a poster person for the Sexual Predator, period!”**

--Dennis Watkins, Trumbull County prosecuting attorney

Members of the public may submit comments about the potential parole of Brian Clingerman. Comments can be made through the ODRC website: <https://drc.ohio.gov/systems-and-services/1-parole/parole-board-hearing-input> For more information, contact Guy M. Vogrin, public information officer/investigator for the Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office at 330-675-2485.