

## TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor

Repeat Violent Offenders newsletter

**UPDATE:** March 31, 2025

### **CASE FILE: Deavery Q. Lyons**



**AGE:** 45 (born 6/13/1979)

**INCARCERATED:** Marion Correctional Institution

**PAROLE HEARING:** May 2025

**SENTENCED:** On March 19, 2004, Lyons was sentenced to 10 years to life by former Trumbull County Judge W. Wyatt McKay on rape with firearm specification and one count of kidnapping.

The female victim was 12 years old at the time of the incident. She lived in the same neighborhood as Lyons' grandmother. The victim knew Lyons because she would walk his dogs. The victim testified Lyons asked her to step inside of the house when she came over to ask to walk the dogs. Following a kiss, Lyons put a gun to the victim's head and told her he would kill her if she told anyone about what he did. Lyons then put his finger into the victim's vagina and then inserted his tongue into her vagina before engaging in sexual intercourse with her.

Tragically, Lyons' victim died in March 2020 of a drug overdose at the age of 30, leaving behind her husband and four children. Her sister told a prosecutor that the victim suffered a "breakdown" about the day she was raped by Lyons and had lamented the fact that her life was never right after she was attacked.

Meanwhile, according to Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett who prosecuted Lyons' case, there is absolutely no evidence that inmate Lyons has made any genuine attempt to rehabilitate himself while in prison.

"To the contrary, he entered institutional life and joined a notorious street/prison gang," Burnett wrote to the parole board. "It is clear that Inmate

Lyons' history of institutional infractions and gang affiliation shows that he is still engaging in a pattern of aggressive and lawless behavior."

Burnett stated the inmate has also failed to complete a "stunning number" of the programs he started in the state penitentiary.

In his letter to the parole board, Burnett concludes that Lyons "cannot be rehabilitated."

"It is our opinion that releasing Inmate Lyons would be careless and present an unreasonable risk to society and demean the seriousness of the offenses he committed." Burnett writes.

**QUOTE:**

**"The fact that he (Lyons) broke poor 12-year-old (victim) to the point that she was never able to recover... is appalling. What is even more appalling is the fact that he left her so damaged that she ultimately died from the addiction-fueled psychological trauma that he inflicted on her."**

**■ Assistant Prosecutor Michael Burnett**

Members of the public may submit comments about the potential parole of Deavery Lyons. Comments can be made through the ODRC website: <https://drc.ohio.gov/systems-and-services/1-parole/parole-board-hearing-input>

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