Woman pleads guilty to in child rape, pornography, bestiality case

Shawna Mayfield, 28, pleaded guilty to eight counts of rape, five counts of pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor as well as a third-degree endangering children felony and a second-degree misdemeanor charge of sexual conduct with an animal.

The case involved a June 2023 investigation involving Warren police acting on a child pornography cyber tip given by the Cuyahoga Task Force on Crimes Against Children. Two minor victims the ages 3 and 7 were involved in the sex acts that were videoed as well as sex acts with a dog. Police also found an illegal marijuana grow operation on the premises, Assistant Prosecutor Gabriel Wildman stated.

Wildman stated the defendant has given a proffer testimony against the co-defendant in the case, her husband, Justin Mayfield. She must cooperate with prosecutor and testify against her husband who faces similar charges.

A jointly recommended prison sentence of life with the possibility of parole after 30 years had been submitted to Common Pleas Judge Cynthia W. Rice who will schedule a sentencing hearing for Shawna Mayfield at a date to be announced.

At sentencing, Shawna Mayfield will be declared a Tier 3 sexual offender which means if released from prison, she must register with the sheriff's office four times per year for the rest of her life.

Wildman credited the work of Warren detectives and others who participated in the case. Wildman had said this case was one of the most egregious he has seen, and said there is a "mountain of evidence," including statements from others and text messages where the couple allegedly boasted about abusing children.

Mayfield was represented by public defenders Heather Ninni and Sharay Lewis.

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