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## **Prosecutor Announces 2022 Champion of Children Award Recipient**

**DAYTON, OH (04/05/2022)** – Today, Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced the recipient of the 2022 Champion of Children Award to recognize the outstanding efforts of a citizen who has helped protect a child or has shown outstanding work towards protecting children in our community.

This year, the award recipient is Mr. Adrian Trochelman, of Dayton. On February 15, 2020, Mr. Trochelman found a memory card in the parking lot of Eastown Bingo. When he put the card into a tablet computer, he discovered it contained images of child pornography. Mr. Trochelman turned the card over to the Kettering Police Department, who then turned it over to the Dayton Police Department.

Dayton Detective Joshua Spears was able to view the images, which depicted an adult male sexually assaulting a juvenile female. From the other images on the card, Detective Spears was able to locate an address in Kettering where the images were taken. Further investigation identified the female in the photos, and ultimately the defendant, Michael James Luther.

It was discovered that the defendant had at one time dated the victim's mother and would sometimes babysit the victim. The victim in the photos on the memory card, taken by the defendant as he sexually assaulted her, was just six years old and has cerebral palsy. The victim is non-verbal and is confined to a wheelchair.

In March 2020, the defendant was indicted for multiple counts of rape of a child under 10 and pandering obscenity involving a minor. On August 12, 2020, the defendant was found guilty as charged and on August 31, 2020, he was sentenced to life in prison and was designated a Tier III Sex Offender.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "Child abuse thrives when good people decide it's none of their business. Look for the signs of child abuse, and learn what it takes to report it. Whether you're a teacher, doctor, counselor, coach, family member, or just a friend, you can't depend on anyone else to do something about what might be happening. Suspect child abuse? Don't for a second think this is none of your business. It *is* your business. Do something, just like Adrian Trochelman. You may be the only one who will."

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