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Englewood Massage Therapist Sentenced for Rape of Child

State v. Dwight E. Gehring, 2015-CR-1470

DAYTON, OH (10/11/2016) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that 67-year-old **Dwight E. Gehring**, of Englewood, has been sentenced to 13 years in the penitentiary for sexually assaulting a 5-year-old child.

On May 10, 2015, the defendant was captured on a home security surveillance system sexually assaulting a 5-year-old female victim. At the time of the incident, the defendant was a licensed massage therapist.

The defendant was found guilty on September 21, 2016 after pleading by Bill of Information to one count of Rape by force, a first-degree felony, and one count of Gross Sexual Imposition of a child under the age of 13, a third-degree felony. In addition to the 13 year prison sentence, the defendant was designated a Tier III sex offender for the rest of his life, and a Tier II sex offender for 25 years after his release from prison.

The defendant has been in custody at the Montgomery County Jail, being held on a \$500,000 bond, since his arrest on May 18, 2015.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This defendant raped a defenseless 5 year old child. Now he will be incarcerated until he is nearly 80 years old.”

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