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**Kettering Man Sentenced to at Least 131 Years in Prison**  
*State v. Robert J. Ruehle, 2019-CR-3601*

**DAYTON, OH (04/15/2021)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **ROBERT JEFFREY RUEHLE**, 34, of Kettering, was sentenced to 131 years to life in prison after being convicted of sexually assaulting his girlfriend’s two children.

In April 2018, one of the victims, now an adult, disclosed that the defendant had been sexually abusing her since she was 10 years old. In September 2019, the second victim also disclosed that he, too, had been sexually abused by the defendant from a young age. The children’s mother failed to believe the incidents happened.

On November 8, 2019, the Montgomery County Grand Jury indicted the defendant for:

- Two counts of Rape of a child under 13 years of age
- Eight counts of Rape by force
- Two counts of Gross Sexual Imposition of a child under 13 years of age
- One count of Gross Sexual Imposition by force

After further investigation, on July 21, 2020, a second indictment was filed charging the defendant with an additional count of Gross Sexual Imposition by force. Then on July 23, 2020, a third indictment was filed charging the defendant with an additional count of Rape of a child under 13 years of age.

On March 25, after a trial, the jury returned verdicts of guilty as charged on all counts in the indictments.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to consecutive sentences totaling 131 years to life in prison. Additionally, the defendant was designated a Tier III Sexual Offender, the most serious classification.

Prosecutor Heck continued, “This defendant has a long history of sexually assaulting people, including these children – even before they moved to Montgomery County. Thankfully, when the disclosure was made to school staff, they promptly reported it to law enforcement. During Child Abuse Prevention Month, this case is a good example of the positive results that can be obtained when our agencies work cooperatively to protect children. These children bravely coming forward, even if they were failed by their mother’s inaction, insures this defendant can never hurt them or any other children again.”

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