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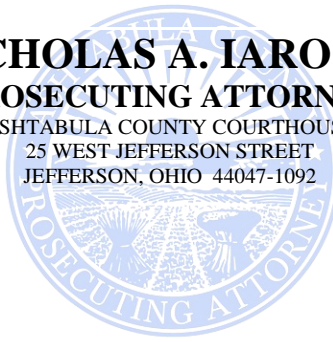
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On October 24, 2018, the case involving the **State of Ohio v. Dennis S. Maple** was resolved in the courtroom of Judge Gary L. Yost.

Maple pled guilty by way of Alford to five counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, each of which is a felony of the third degree. The charges involve one minor victim. The charges stem from Maple's consistent and continuous acts of sexual assault of the victim when she was thirteen and fourteen years of age. The assaults terminated only after the victim's mother found incriminating information on Maple's cell phone. It was at that time that the victim disclosed to her mother what Maple had been doing to her.

On October 24, 2018, Maple was sentenced by Judge Gary L. Yost. Due to the depravity of Maple's conduct, my office requested the court to impose a maximum sentence of twenty-five years in prison, five years of prison on each count to run consecutively. Maple's attorney Richard Danolfo requested the court to impose a community control (probation) sanction instead. The State of Ohio was represented by Chief Assistant Prosecutor Cecilia M. Cooper and Assistant Prosecutor Gene Barrett in this case.

Judge Yost sentenced Maple to three years in prison on each count, and agreed with the State that the serious nature of the crimes committed required consecutive sentences. Maple was sentenced to a total of fifteen years in prison, and was taken into custody immediately after the sentencing hearing and is in the county jail awaiting transport the Lorain Correctional Institution.

The victim and her family on behalf of the victim, along with law enforcement officials, expressed in open court their agreement with the plea agreement. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Cooper and Mr. Barrett, and to the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Geneva-on-the-Lake Police Department, for their outstanding investigative work in this case.

Very truly yours,

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