

**News Release from**  
**The Honorable Sandra Doorley**  
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**Anthony Johnson Sentenced to 37 Years to Life**

Rochester, NY- Wednesday, May 19, 2021, New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi sentenced 45-year-old Anthony Johnson to 37 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. This sentence comes after his jury conviction of two counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, Criminal Sexual Act in the 1<sup>s</sup> Degree, three counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Rape in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Criminal Sexual Act in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for the ongoing sexual abuse of two children between December 2014 - October 2019. He was also convicted of Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for causing physical injury to a separate victim on October 8, 2019, by striking him in the head with a 20-pound dumbbell. Anthony Johnson will also have to register as a sex offender.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Bureau.

“Today’s sentence is appropriate given the heinous nature of Anthony Johnson’s crimes,” said Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department and Child Protective Services for investigating this difficult case and Bivona Child Advocacy Center for helping these victims. It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office that these brave young victims can continue to heal from years of abuse, knowing that Anthony Johnson can no longer physically hurt them.”

“Today marked the last step in a heartbreaking case,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “While we are proud to have found justice for the victims, healing from years of terrible abuse is a difficult process and we hope that today’s sentence can provide some comfort and safety for all of those affected by Anthony Johnson’s horrible crimes. If you know or suspect a child who may be experiencing abuse, the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office urges you to contact law enforcement or the Bivona Child Advocacy Center.”

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