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Ray Jones III Sentenced to 35 Years to Life for Ongoing Sexual Abuse of a Child

Rochester, NY- Thursday, January 24, 2019, Monroe County Court Judge Valleriani sentenced 35-year-old Ray Jones III to 35 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections, for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, Criminal Sexual Act in the 3rd Degree, Rape in the 3rd Degree, Sexual Abuse in the 3rd Degree, Use of a Child in a Sexual Performance as a Sexually Motivated Felony, Promoting a Sexual Performance of a Child as a Sexually Motivated Felony and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for the ongoing sexual abuse of an over a nine-year period. Ray Jones III must also register as a sex offender.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Meredith Vacca.

“Because the victim came forward to share her story after years of abuse, the defendant will be behind bars, away from the community and his victim,” said Assistant District Attorney Meredith Vacca. “The determination and bravery of the victim was evident when she addressed the court today citing her reasons for finally coming forward, ‘enough is enough.’ Ray Jones III received a fair sentence and may very well spend the rest of his life behind bars. Of course, no amount of time in prison will ever make things right for the victim. The sexual abuse of a child has a profound impact that lasts a lifetime.”

“Being a part of the law enforcement community, it is our responsibility to protect our most vulnerable population, our children,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “Thanks to the Rochester Police Department and Assistant District Attorney Meredith Vacca, this horrendous individual may spend the rest of life behind bars. If you know of any 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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