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Antwon Smith Sentenced to Sixty Years to Life for Sexual Assault on a Child

Rochester, NY- On Thursday, February 16, 2017, County Court Judge Victoria Argento sentenced 34 year old Antwon Smith to 60 years to life in the New York State Department of Corrections for the sexual abuse of a ten year old girl in December 2015. Smith was convicted after a jury trial on January 6, 2017, of three counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. At the time of this offense Smith, already a registered level three sex offender, had previously been convicted of eight sexually related offenses.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Bureau Chief of the Child Abuse Bureau.

"Antwon Smith is the most dangerous type of predator preying on those in our community that are most vulnerable. The sentence handed down by Judge Argento reflects not only the heinous nature of this crime but also the defendant's horrendous criminal history. It also takes into account the lifelong devastating effects that this type of abuse has on victims," said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. "This conviction and sentence would not be possible without the thorough investigation of the Irondequoit Police Department. Judge Argento's sentence will ensure that Smith will never be able to hurt another child again. Yesterday's sentence may be a small step forward in the victim's long road to recovery."

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