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Bonnie Hughes Sentenced to 18 Years for Sexually Abusing a Child

Rochester, NY- Thursday, December 19, 2019, Monroe County Court Judge Dinolfo sentenced 35-year-old Bonnie Hughes to 18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections with twenty years of post-release supervision, after pleading guilty to Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree on January 31, 2019. This sentence will run concurrent to her recent federal sentence on a related case. Upon release, Bonnie Hughes will be required to register as a sex offender.

Co-defendant John Patrick Kohlmeier also pled guilty to Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree and was sentenced on October 31, 2019, to 18 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 20 years of post-release supervision. The victim in this case was a child less than 11 years old.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Meredith Vacca of the Special Victim's Trial Division.

"Bonnie Hughes and John Patrick Kohlmeier committed heinous acts against a vulnerable child that has caused the victim tremendous trauma, with effects that will no doubt last a life time," said Assistant District Attorney Meredith Vacca. "It is the hope of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office that this young victim can find some type of closure and healing after being put through horrible abuse by these predators. Thank you to the Greece Police Department and Child Protective Services for helping this victim achieve safety and justice."

"Today's sentence and yesterday's federal court sentence can be attributed to the bravery of the young victim who went through an extremely traumatic experience," said District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "I am so proud of the hardworking and devoted Assistant District Attorneys in our Child Abuse Bureau who help give a voice to children in the courtroom every single day. Bonnie Hughes and John Patrick Kohlmeier are horrendous criminals and our children are safer with these two behind bars."

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