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Joseph Berardi Sentenced to 25 Years to Life for Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Rochester, NY- On Monday, October 20, 2025, 37-year-old Joseph Berardi was sentenced by Acting Monroe County Court Judge Patterson to 25 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections. The defendant was previously convicted by a Monroe County jury of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child and Endangering the Welfare of a Child for the ongoing sexual abuse of a child less than the age of thirteen.

On June 8, 2023, a young child made a disclosure to a mandated reporter regarding ongoing sexual abuse from Joseph Berardi. The mandated reporter immediately reached out to CPS, who began an immediate investigation with the Greece Police Department. After a thorough, but swift investigation, Joseph Berardi was arrested for the sexual abuse against a child for conduct occurring between March 21, 2021 and March 20, 2023.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari, of the Special Victims Unit.

"Today's sentencing brings a measure of justice for a child who endured unspeakable abuse at the hands of Joseph Berardi," said Assistant District Attorney Kaylee Rizzari. "This young survivor has shown extraordinary courage throughout this painful process. From her first brave disclosure to standing strong against her abuser. While no sentence can erase the harm he caused, this outcome ensures that Berardi will never again have the opportunity to hurt another child. I hope that today's sentence helps this survivor, and her family, continue the long process of healing, knowing that her voice made our community safer."

“Today’s sentence reflects the severity of Joseph Berardi’s crimes and the profound harm he inflicted on a vulnerable child,” said Monroe County District Attorney Brian Green. “While no result can fully repair the damage caused, this sentence ensures that he will no longer pose a threat to the safety of our community. I commend the victim for her courage in coming forward, the mandated reporter for acting without hesitation, and the investigators and prosecutors whose diligent work brought this case to justice. Our office remains committed to protecting children and holding those who exploit them fully accountable under the law.”

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