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SPARTA MAN CONVICTED OF 19 SEX CRIMES AGAINST A CHILD NOW FACES EIGHT LIFE SENTENCES

[Sparta WI] Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger announced today that a Monroe County jury convicted 49-year-old Brian P. Sanders of all 19 counts that were lodged against him on September 19, 2023. Those convictions include two convictions for child enticement, six convictions for third degree sexual assault, five counts of exposing intimate parts, and six counts of incest with a child by stepparent. The convictions are related to conduct Sanders engaged in between the years of 2015 and 2017 in Sparta. The defendant was previously convicted of the sexual assault of a different child in La Crosse County in 1993.

The jury deliberated for less than one hour following two days of trial. During the two day trial, jurors listened to difficult and graphic testimony about the sexual abuse Sanders inflicted on his victim.

The prosecution of the case was handled by Monroe County Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles with the support and assistance of the staff at the District Attorney's Office. Skiles stated, "We are extremely grateful to the jury for its verdict. The swift verdict is a testament to the bravery and strength the victim displayed during her testimony. This verdict makes our community a safer place by ensuring Mr. Sanders will not be able to victimize any more children."

The investigation in this case was led by Detective John Brose of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Skiles noted of Brose, "The outcome in this case could not have been achieved without his investigative efforts and dedication to the case."

Following the jury's verdict, Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Richard Radcliffe, who presided over the case, revoked Sander's bond. Sanders will remain in custody pending sentencing.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 11, 2023. Eight of the convictions call for Sanders to be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

