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CASHTON MAN CONVICTED OF SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILD

SPARTA, Wis. – Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger announced today that Jerome Leuck, age 77, was convicted by a jury on November 30, 2023, of 12 child sex offenses, including multiple counts of sexual assault of a child, incest, child enticement, and causing a child to expose her genitals. The convictions relate to repeated sexual abuse Leuck inflicted on his granddaughter that first began when the granddaughter was 6 years old, continuing until she was 14 years old. During the trial, Leuck's niece testified Leuck sexually assaulted her decades ago. Court records show the prosecution sought to present evidence from four additional family members of Leuck who reported Leuck sexually assaulted them, but the prosecution was barred from presenting testimony from those witnesses at trial.

This case was first tried to a jury earlier this year, but a mistrial was declared after the jury was not able to reach a unanimous verdict. After the four-day trial this week, the jury deliberated for less than three hours before finding Leuck guilty on all 12 counts that it was asked to consider.

After the verdicts, Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Sarah Skiles, who prosecuted the case, stated, "The outcome in this case would not have been possible without the victims' resolve and perseverance for justice. It likely would have been easier for the victims personally to stay silent than to come forward and endure what they have in the court system for the last three years. We are grateful to the jurors for rendering verdicts that speak the truth and justice."

After the jury's verdict, ADA Skiles argued Leuck's bail should be revoked and Leuck should be remanded to custody to await his sentencing. Skiles argued revocation of Leuck's bail was appropriate because of Leuck's advanced age, the convictions for serious child sex crimes, and the mandatory minimum prison sentence Leuck now faces. Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Richard Radcliffe, who presided over the case, declined to revoke Leuck's bail. Leuck remains in the community pending sentencing, which is scheduled for February 2, 2024.

Leuck faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 25 years and a maximum prison sentence of over 400 years. Leuck will be required to comply with Wisconsin's sex offender registry for the remainder of his life as a result of these convictions. As part of registry requirements, Leuck will be required to provide the address at which he resides for monitoring purposes. Online court records show Leuck currently resides in Cashton, Wis.

The investigation of this matter was handled by Detective John Brose of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from Investigator Don Henry of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, now retired, and current District Attorney's Office Investigator Andrew Kuen.

Leuck was represented in the second trial by Attorney Todd Schroeder of Schroeder & Lough, S.C. and by Attorney Robert Osborne of Osborne Tripp SC in the first trial.

More information on this case can be located on Wisconsin Circuit Court Access at <https://wcca.wicourts.gov> by searching for Monroe County Case No. 2020CF000629.



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