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CHARGED: **MICHAEL EATON**
 3755 Meadowbrook Drive
 Zanesville, OH 43701
 DOB: 04/02/1979

It is alleged that on two occasions between 2019 and 2021, Michael Eaton, sexually assaulted a child in Franklin Township, New Jersey. It is alleged that the defendant engaged the victim in acts of sexual penetration and contact while the victim was between the ages of five (5) and six (6) years old. At the time of the sexual assaults, the defendant had a legal duty of care for the victim.

The defendant was charged with the following:

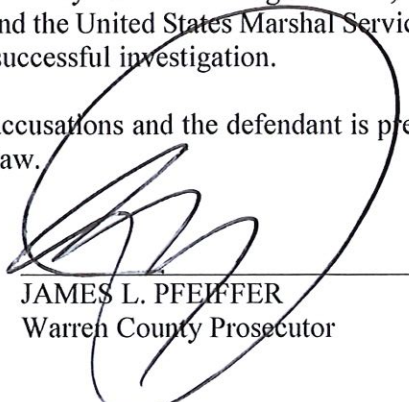
- 1) Aggravated Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1), a first degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of life imprisonment, with a minimum of twenty-five (25) years in New Jersey State Prison. This offense is subject to the Jessica Lunsford Act.
- 2) Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years. This offense is also subject to the No Early Release Act.
- 3) Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1), a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years.

Eaton is presently lodged at the Zanesville County Jail in Ohio pending extradition to the State of New Jersey.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit, the New Jersey State Police Washington Station, the New Jersey State Police Fugitive Unit, the United States Marshal Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force-Newark Office and the United States Marshal Service Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team, whose efforts contributed to this successful investigation.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Approved by:



JAMES L. PFEIFFER
Warren County Prosecutor

Date: August 16, 2023