

Defendant Sentenced for Sexual Assault & Abuse of Elderly Victim



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DATE: February 2, 2018

CASE: James Harold Garner (Case #15F02008)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Tate Davis, Adult Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

The Honorable Michael Savage sentenced James Harold Garner to 45 years in prison. On November 30, 2017, a jury convicted Garner of three counts of rape by force and two counts of forced oral copulation with allegations the crimes were committed against an elderly victim on all counts. Garner was also convicted of one count of elder abuse.

Garner was the live-in caregiver of the 65-year-old victim, who had survived a stroke and suffered from COPD. The victim had significant issues with mobility, strength, communication, and memory. On March 29, 2015, Garner went into the victim's room where he repeatedly raped and committed other acts of sexual assault against the victim.

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