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For Immediate Release

Illinois Man Found Guilty of Six Counts of Sexual Abuse of a Child

April 9, 2026 (JOHNSON COUNTY, IA) – Today Jimmy Woah Raye, Sr., age 62, of North Aurora, Illinois, was found guilty of six counts of Sexual Abuse in the 2nd Degree, a Class B Felony, after a trial by jury that began on April 7, 2026. The jury deliberated for approximately an hour. The charges come from incidents where Raye sexually abused 3 different children under the age of 12 between 2013-2020.

A No Contact Order was issued for each of the victims, effective until further order of the court.

Raye faces up to 25 years for each count of the Class B Felonies. Sentencing is set for July 10, 2026 at 2:00pm.

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Attached: Verdict of Guilty and Order Setting Sentencing

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	No. FECR146343
)	
v.)	VERDICT OF GUILTY AND
)	ORDER SETTING SENTENCING
JIMMY WOA H RAYE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

Jury trial in this case commenced on April 7, 2026. The State was represented by Assistant Johnson County Attorney Oubonh White. The Defendant was personally present and was represented by Attorney Jeffrey Powell. A jury of 12 persons and two alternates were selected by the parties pursuant to the record.

On April 8, 2026, the State of Iowa made an opening statement, and the Defendant made an opening statement. Evidence was presented by the State on April 8, 2026. At the conclusion of the State’s evidence, Defendant moved for a directed verdict of acquittal, and the State resisted. Motion for Judgment of Acquittal was overruled.

The Defendant presented evidence on April 9, 2026. On April 9, 2026, the Court presented counsel with proposed Instructions and Verdict Forms, which were reviewed by counsel and the Defendant. A record was made concerning objections to the instructions. Counsel then presented final arguments to the jury. The Jury Instructions, including Statement of the Charge and the Verdict Forms, were read to the jury. The case was submitted to the jury for deliberation at approximately 11:09 a.m. on April 9, 2026.

On April 9, 2026, at approximately 11:59 a.m., the Court was informed that the jury had reached a verdict. The parties and the jury returned to open court. The jury returned a verdict in open court at approximately 12:25 p.m., finding the Defendant guilty of the following offenses:

Count I – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

Count II – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

Count III – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

Count IV – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

Count V – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

Count VI – the offense of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony in violation of Iowa Code Section(s) 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), 903B.1

At the request of the Defendant, the jury was polled, and all of the jurors indicated that it was their true and correct verdict. The jury returned to the jury room.

The Clerk is directed to enter of record the verdict of guilty to the above offense.

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for **July 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at the Johnson County Courthouse before Judge David M. Cox**. The court has allotted **one (1) hour** total for this sentencing hearing. If any party anticipates this will not be an adequate amount of time to complete the hearing, you must immediately inform the court by written application so that additional time may be allotted or another hearing date and time selected to allow for more time.

The Defendant was advised of his right to file a Motion for New Trial or a Motion in Arrest of Judgment within 45 days of the verdict and no less than five (5) days before the sentencing hearing.

A presentence investigation report is to be made by the Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services and filed with the Clerk of Court at least five days prior to the sentencing date.

Defendant may request the Court determine his ability to pay court costs, fees for court-appointed counsel, and any other category B restitution at the time of sentencing. If Defendant is seeking such a determination of category B restitution at the time of sentencing, the required affidavit must be filed before sentencing. Otherwise, Defendant must file the required affidavit and request for hearing no later than 30 days after the sentencing order is entered or he waives his right to have a determination made as to his ability to pay category B restitution.

The County Attorney's Office shall prepare a statement of pecuniary damages, if any, regarding this offense. The statement of pecuniary damages shall be filed with the Court **prior to the date and time set for sentencing** or, with the Court's permission, may be filed up to 30 days after the sentencing.

The Clerk of Court shall prepare a statement of court costs in connection with this matter. That statement shall be provided to the presentence investigator promptly and shall be made available to the Court prior to the time and date set for sentencing so that the Court can address reasonable ability to pay costs at the time of sentencing.

Defense counsel, if appointed, shall be prepared to inform the Court of the amount of fees for services through the time of sentencing so the Court can address reasonable ability to pay these fees at the time of sentencing.

At the time of sentencing, restitution will be ordered in the amount set out in the statement of pecuniary damages filed unless the Defendant gives notice of any objections thereto in writing prior to sentencing.

The Defendant's bond conditions, if any, are now revoked. Defendant is to be held without bond. The Defendant's custody is remanded to the Johnson County Sheriff pending sentencing.

Clerk to notify.



State of Iowa Courts

Case Number
FECR146343
Type:

Case Title
STATE OF IOWA VS RAYE, JIMMY WOH
Order for PSI

So Ordered

David M. Cox, District Court Judge,
Sixth Judicial District of Iowa

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