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For Immediate Release

Illinois Man Sentenced to 75 Years for Sexual Abuse of 3 Child Victims

July 10, 2026 (JOHNSON COUNTY, IA) – Today Jimmy Woah Raye, Sr., age 63, of North Aurora, Illinois, was sentenced to 75 years for 6 counts of Sexual Abuse in the 2nd degree – Of a Child, a Class B Felony. Raye was convicted of these charges after a jury trial in April 2026.

Johnson County Attorney Rachel Zimmermann Smith said, “Because these courageous young women came forward to tell their story, the Defendant is being held accountable for the immeasurable trauma he caused.”

Between 2013 and 2020, Raye sexually abused three different child victims multiple times. All three children were under the age of 12 at the time of the abuse.

This case was investigated by the Iowa City Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant Johnson County Attorney Oubonh White.

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Attached: Sentencing Order

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR JOHNSON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	No. FECR146343
)	
v.)	
)	JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE
JIMMY WOA H RAYE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

The Defendant appeared in open court this date with his attorney, Jeffrey Powell, for pronouncement of judgment and sentence. The State was represented by Assistant County Attorney, Oubonh White. A formal record was made.

Prior to sentencing the Court heard Defendant’s Motion for New Trial and Motion in Arrest of Judgment. For the reasons stated on the record, Defendant’s Motion for New Trial and Motion in Arrest of Judgment are hereby DENIED.

IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THE COURT that the Defendant is guilty of the following:

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

The Defendant is sentenced to be confined for an indeterminate term not to exceed **twenty-five (25) years in each Count**. His custody is placed with the Director of the Division of Adult Corrections, his temporary custody with the Sheriff of this County.

The sentence imposed in Counts I, III, and IV shall run **consecutively** to each other and **concurrently** with Counts II, V, and VI. The sentence imposed in Counts II, V, and VI shall run **concurrently** with each other and **concurrently** with Counts I, III, and IV. It is the intent of the Court that Defendant be sentenced to a total indeterminate term not to exceed seventy-five (75) years.

The Defendant shall be subject to the minimum sentence for certain felonies set forth in Iowa Code Section 902.12, specifically the Defendant shall not be eligible for parole or work release until Defendant has served at **least seven-tenths (70 percent) of the maximum term of Defendant's sentence in each Count**.

The Defendant shall be given credit for **any qualifying time** previously served in connection with this offense.

After serving the mandatory portion of his sentence, Defendant's term of incarceration may be reduced by statutory earned time, work credits, and program credits. The Defendant may be eligible for parole before the sentence is discharged.

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 903B.1, the following special sentence is also imposed: The Defendant is committed to the custody of the Director of the 6th District Iowa Department of Corrections for the rest of the Defendant's life, with eligibility for parole as provided in Chapter 906. This special sentence shall commence upon completion of the sentence imposed under Iowa Code Section 709.1, 709.3(1)(b), and Defendant shall begin serving this special sentence under supervision as if on parole. On this special sentence, the Defendant is also placed on the corrections continuum pursuant to Iowa Code Section 901B. This special sentence shall be considered a category "A" sentence for purposes of calculating earned time under Iowa Code Section 903A.2.

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 692A, the Defendant is required to register as a sex offender and comply with all of the requirements of the sex abuse registry.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 692A.110(2), the Defendant shall pay a \$250 civil penalty. Defendant shall also pay a \$25.00 Sex Abuser Registration annual fee unless other arrangements are made with the Sheriff of the county of residence. The Defendant shall, within three (3) days of release from custody or parole, register with the Sheriff of the county of Defendant's residence in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 692A.103(1) and comply with the other provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 692A.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 901A.2, the Defendant is hereby notified that the conviction meets the definition of sexually predatory offense and sexually violent offense for the purpose of enhancing future punishment for similar offenses.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 911.2B(1), the Defendant is ordered to pay the \$90.00 Sexual Abuse Surcharge

Defendant shall pay victim pecuniary damages as set out in the Statement(s) of Pecuniary Damages previously filed or as subsequently filed or amended by the State within 30 days from today's date. If no objection is on file within 10 days thereafter, the Statement shall be adopted by the Court.

The amount of the fine and victim pecuniary damages, if any, constitute Category A restitution.

Defendant is ordered to pay court costs and the expense of Court-appointed counsel, if any, in the amount of \$60.00 or as subsequently approved by the State Public Defender. These amounts constitute Category B restitution. Consistent with Iowa law (see S.F. 457, effective June 25, 2020), the Court presumes Defendant has the reasonable ability to pay the Category B restitution set forth herein. However, Defendant may, within 30 days, request that the Court make a separate determination as to Defendant's reasonable ability to pay Category B restitution. If Defendant makes such a request and files the required financial affidavit, the matter will be set for hearing, if necessary. Failure to timely request a determination waives the Defendant's right to challenge his ability to pay Category B restitution in full except as allowed under Iowa Code Section 910.7.

Pursuant to Chapter 81 of the Iowa Criminal Code, the defendant shall report to the 6th District Iowa Department of Corrections to provide a DNA sample for DNA profiling.

The Court finds Defendant is unable to make full payment of the financial obligation due today. Defendant shall make periodic payments every 30 days in an amount not less than \$50. The first installment is due within 30 days. If the total amount due is less than \$100, Defendant must pay the full amount within 30 days. Iowa law does not permit a payment plan if the amount due is less than \$100.

In determining this sentence, the Court has considered the court file, including the entirety of the presentence investigation report, the nature and circumstances of the offenses, the history and characteristics of Defendant, including Defendant's age and prior confirmed criminal record, not including unadjudicated or dismissed allegations; and the recommendations of both counsel. The Court failed to state on the record, but

includes in this order, that the Court disavows any statements made by the State regarding negative behavior against the victims by the Defendant or his family that were not charged and resulted in a conviction, specifically any statements regarding whether the victims were allowed to return home and/or were in any way ostracized by the family or community as a result of their willingness to testify in this matter. The Court finds the sentences imposed will offer Defendant the maximum opportunity for rehabilitation balanced against the need to protect the community.

Defendant was advised of the right to appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court. Defendant is to be held without the benefit of any bond pending any appeal pursuant to Iowa Code sections 811.1(2) and 702.11.

Defendant's prior bail provisions are exonerated.

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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