

Child Predator Task Force Investigation Results in 44-Year Sentence for Kent County Man

DOVER – A Kent County man was sentenced Thursday to spend the next 44 years in prison for his sexual crimes against children, Attorney General Beau Biden announced.

Stephen M. Parsons, 26 of Vineyard Lane in Felton, pled guilty in September to one count of first-degree rape, one count of sexual exploitation of a child and two counts of dealing child pornography. He was initially arrested and charged with child pornography offenses in March by the Child Predator Task Force. The Task Force continued its investigation, and a few weeks later arrested Parsons again after discovering evidence that Parsons had sexually abused a young child in his care and taken pornographic pictures of his victim.

“This predator is the worst of the worst,” Biden said. “He will no longer be able to harm children. This case shows why Delaware needs police and prosecutors working side by side to track down and stop those want to hurt our kids.”

Parsons was sentenced by Kent County Superior Court Judge Robert B. Young. Parsons faced a minimum of 21 years in prison.

Since Biden worked with the General Assembly and the Delaware law enforcement to establish the Child Predator Task Force, the task force’s work has led to more than 200 convictions and the rescue of at least 120 children from abusive situations.

“This case is exactly why the Child Predator Task Force was created,” said Deputy Attorney General Abigail Layton, who is the head of the Task Force and prosecuted Parsons.

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