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STEPFATHER SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR ABUSING STEPDAUGHTER

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – A Hyattsville man was sentenced today to life plus 25 years for abusing his stepdaughter. Quinton Perry, 63, abused the young girl starting when she was 8 to 12 years old.

“He was like a stick of dynamite,” said Assistant State’s Attorney Ellen Opdyke during the sentencing hearing. “He came in and exploded this family. He physically abused the mother and committed the ultimate betrayal that an adult can against this child.”

In December 2018, the victim reported that she had been sexually abused by Perry. This initiated an investigation by the Prince George’s Police Department. In January 2019, the Child Advocacy Center interviewed the victim where she disclosed the details of the abuse, saying that he touched her in her private parts, had her perform sex acts on him, and more. Perry was convicted on August 3, 2022, after jurors deliberated for 30 minutes.

The survivor was 14 years old when she reported the abuse and 18 years old at the time of trial.

“Often victims don’t feel that they will be believed so it can be challenging for them to make the decision to come forward and report the abuse,” said State’s Attorney Aisha Braveboy. “This victim came forward and bravely faced her abuser during the trial and today during the sentencing hearing, telling the court the trauma that she suffered and how it continues to impact her life. I commend her for that. Fortunately, there is no statute of limitations on child sexual assault. This means it is never too late to get justice. I am glad that we were able to secure justice for this victim with this life plus 25-year sentence against Mr. Perry. He will never be able to harm another person in this county.”

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