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TRACK COACH SENTENCED IN RAPE CASE

UPPER MARLBORO, MD — A former track coach was sentenced today to 21 years for second-degree rape, child pornography, and other sexual offenses.

According to the indictment, Warren Gray, 34, of Waldorf, MD, was a track coach with the New Wave Track Club. Beginning in August of 2017, the defendant met, groomed, manipulated the victim, and had a sexual relationship with her for four years. The offenses began when the victim was only 13 years old until she was 17 years old, continuing after the victim had left New Wave. The assault was discovered when the victim's mother was helping her with a school project, and while using her daughter's laptop, discovered videos of the victim and Gray involved in sexual acts.

During the pre-sentence investigation, the defendant argued that he did not know the victim was 13 but instead thought she was a fellow New Wave Track Club coach. Gray later, on July 24, 2023, pleaded guilty to second-degree rape, two sex offense charges & two child pornography charges.

The victim and her mother were present at the sentencing, overwhelmed but grateful for the verdict.

“We are satisfied with this sentence and feel that justice was served, our office will continue to seek stiff and appropriate sentences for sexual predators and will spare no expense when it comes to resources for victims, especially our children,” said State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy.

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