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RICHEY SENTENCED TO 36 TO 41 YEARS IN PRISON

TOLEDO, Ohio – Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney Julia R. Bates announced that on Sept. 8, 2026, Lucas County Judge Gary G. Cook sentenced Kevin Richey to 36 to 41 years after he pleaded guilty in case CR2026-00396 to seven felony offenses, including six counts of rape involving two minors.

On Aug. 25, 2026, Richey, 35, pleaded guilty to six counts of rape, first-degree felonies, in violation of Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 2907.02(A)(2) and (B).

Richey also pleaded guilty to one count of pandering obscenity involving a minor, a second-degree felony, in violation of R.C. 2907.321(A)(1) and (C).

The investigation began after one of the victims disclosed to her mother that Richey had sexually assaulted her. Lucas County Children Services and the Maumee Police Department investigated the allegations. The investigation ultimately resulted in charges involving two minor victims. The offenses occurred between December 2021 and March 2026. His convictions classify Richey as a Tier III sex offender and require him to register for life, with in-person verification every 90 days.

"There are no excuses and no justification for sexually abusing a child," Bates said. "The defendant repeatedly preyed upon two young victims, and now he will spend decades in prison because of it. I hope this sentence provides these victims and their families some measure of justice as they move forward."

Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Effler of the Special Victims Unit led the case for the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office.

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