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MAN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY OF CHILD MOLESTATION

Evansville, IN – Prosecutor Diana Moers announces that on February 13, 2024, after a two-day jury trial, Timothy W. Vaughn was found guilty of Child Molesting, a Level 1 Felony, and Incest, a Level 4 Felony. The Honorable Magistrate Judge Kelli E. Fink of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court presided.

In May of 2023, Holly's House conducted a forensic interview with a child who stated Timothy W. Vaughn had molested them several years back. The Evansville Police Department was able to verify the dates, location, and descriptions the victim gave ultimately leading to charging Timothy W. Vaughn with the crime.

Deputy Prosecutor Amanda Honaker worked alongside the victim and their family diligently to ensure a successful trial. After over 3 hours of deliberation, the jury came back with a guilty verdict.

“This brave survivor came forward to tell their story and now Vanderburgh County has one more dangerous man out of our community. These are difficult cases as the perpetrator can carefully choose the place and time of the molestation, attempting to hide behind closed doors with only the young, traumatized survivor as a witness. Even so, my office will make sure these survivors’ voices are heard,” stated Prosecutor Moers. “My office provides support in every step of the judicial process from providing information to victims about service providers and resources, to explanation of the litigation steps. We are here to fight for survivors and their families as a team.”

Prosecutor Moers thanked EPD Detective Cameron Werne and other officers who assisted in this case. She also thanked Deputy Prosecutors Amanda Honaker and Susan Wilkie, Victim Advocate Teresa Wilcox, and investigatory staff Jessica Pollock and Morgan Richardville. All parties worked rigorously to bring justice for the victim.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 8, 2024, in front of Magistrate Judge Kelli E. Fink of the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court. The Defendant could face up to 20–40 years for the Child Molesting and 2–12 years for the Incest.

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