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DARBY JAY MARTIN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON IN RAPE CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore.- On June 6, 2022, Washington County Circuit Court Judge Oscar Garcia sentenced Darby Jay Martin, age 28, to 15 years in prison. This sentence comes after the defendant previously pleaded guilty to first-degree rape, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree sexual abuse, using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct, and two counts of first-degree unlawful delivery of a schedule I controlled substance to a minor. Deputy District Attorney Sara Loebner prosecuted the case against the defendant.

In June of 2021, a teenage victim contacted the Washington County Sheriff's Office. She told investigators that the defendant took her and her cousin, who was also a minor at the time, to his home. He then gave both victims LSD before sexually assaulting one of the teens.

While speaking with detectives, the reporting victim told officers about a third teenager who was sexually involved with the defendant. This victim was interviewed by experts at the Amani Center. She told them Mr. Martin also provided her with drugs before he sexually assaulted her. This third victim told officers of additional teenagers who were involved with the defendant. St. Helens police investigated. They identified two additional teenagers who reported similar behavior by Mr. Martin.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to commend the initial victim for reporting this abuse and acknowledges the additional victims who aided in this case. This office also thanks the Washington County Sheriff's Office, including Detective Thomas Bowler, and St. Helens police for their work.

Mr. Martin will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections to begin serving his sentence.