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**Registered sex offender Erik Reuther receives 15 year prison sentence for sexually abusing a minor**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 51-year-old Erik Reuther received a 15 year prison sentence for sexually abusing a minor.

On March 29, 2019, Reuther pleaded guilty to three counts of sexual abuse in the first degree.

Reuther will have to serve the prison sentence day for day, but will receive credit for time already served.

By pleading guilty, Reuther admitted that he knowingly sexually abused a person under the age of 14 on three different occasions in 2006.

This investigation started when law enforcement learned of the allegations through a mandatory reporter. At the time of the report, Reuther was already in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections serving a 12.5 year prison sentence that was handed down in 2008 after he previously pleaded guilty to one count of sodomy in the first degree and attempted sexual abuse in the first degree.

At sentencing, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office read an impact statement that was submitted to the court on behalf of the victim and her family. The statement, in part, addressed the physical and emotional pain caused by Reuther, and the effect it will continue to have on the victim's life.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

This case was litigated by the Multnomah County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team, which includes representatives from local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team is responsible for reviewing and coordinating child abuse and neglect cases in Multnomah County. The team also handles all child homicides, felony child physical abuse cases, felony child abandonment cases, custodial interference cases, and felony sex crimes where the victim is currently under the age of 18 and where the perpetrator is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

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