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25 to Life for Child Sexual Assault

ALBANY, NY- Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares announced that GENE FARNHAM, 52, of Watervliet was sentenced to 25 years to Life in State Prison before the Hon. Dan Lamont in Albany County Court this morning.

FARNHAM was previously found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, both Class A-II Felonies, and (2) Counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, both Misdemeanors,

During September 2009 and then between the dates of April 1, 2010 and August 31, 2011 FARNHAM did engage in sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 11. FARNHAM has three prior convictions for sexually based offenses.

“Protecting our children from predators is everyone’s obligation,” commented DA Soares. “Parents need all the tools possible to help keep their children safe. The Albany County District Attorney’s Office is proud to sponsor Offender Watch software that allows for parents to search their neighborhoods for the whereabouts of registered sex offenders. I encourage parents to utilize this public safety tool by clicking the “Resources” link on www.albanycountyda.com.”

Chantelle Schember of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.



For assistance for victims of crime please contact:

Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center 447-7100

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Child Help Hotline 800-4-A-CHILD

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