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Guilty Verdict in Child Sexual Assault Trial

ALBANY, NY- Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares announced that GENE FARNHAM, 52, of Watervliet was 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, before the Hon. Dan Lamont in Albany County Court on Friday evening.

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.

“Our greatest obligation is to the safety and protection of our children. This defendant exercised his power and control to perpetrate his crimes against a vulnerable child. But ultimately it was the strength, courage, and voice of the victim that prevailed,” said DA David Soares.

FARNHAM remains in custody and faces up to 50 years to Life in State Prison when sentenced on October 19, 2012.

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

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.



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