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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sexually Abusing Children

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Bruce W. Cagle, 63, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced yesterday for sexually abusing two children.

On October 1, 2018, Cagle pled guilty to two counts of statutory sodomy in the first degree. In the first count, Cagle pled guilty for touching a child when she was about eight years old. This occurred around 2009. The second count involved another eight year old child that Cagle sexually abused in 2008. Both children initially did not disclose the abuse to anyone out of fear. Almost six years after the abuse, law enforcement was contacted.

During the pendency of the case, it was discovered that Cagle had abused two additional children. One victim was sexually abused by Cagle nearly 25 years ago when Cagle, a trusted family friend, came into the room where she was sleeping. The fourth victim came forward to law enforcement in September 2018, stating Cagle had molested her 16 years ago at a youth event. The Defendant knew all four of his victims prior to sexually abusing them.

Cagle was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas Mountjoy to life in the Missouri Department of Corrections on each count. At sentencing, all four victims addressed the court detailing the significant trauma Cagle's abuse has inflicted on them.

In sentencing Cagle, Judge Mountjoy noted that each of Cagle's victims would face a prison without bars for the rest of their lives because of Cagle's abuse. The Defendant's attorney recommended the Defendant receive probation.

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Cagle, 1731-CR06854-01

Mr. Patterson thanks the victims for having the courage to come forward to authorities in order to enable this perpetrator to be held accountable. Each victim has waited a long time for justice and he hopes the significant sentence brings a sense of justice to each.

This case was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Annesha Umbarger was the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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