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A Barnes County man was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole and will serve out his sentence with in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Center.

Barnes County Sheriff Randy McClafin said Jeremy Wayne Heinrich was sentenced in Barnes County Court on 11/16/2022 for the crimes of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child , a Class AA Felony, and two counts of Promoting Obscenity to Minors, a Class C Felony.

Sheriff McClafin said after a lengthy investigation conducted by his Deputies and Buffalo Bridges Social Services it was determined Jeremy Wayne Heinrich had forced his victim to engage in acts that a child should never have to go through.

Heinrich was taken into custody on 03/16/2022 where he was placed in the Barnes County Correctional Center. Heinrich requested that he be given a trial in front of a jury of his peers. On 08/17/2022 Heinrich was found guilty on all charges.

Barnes County States Attorney Tonya Duffy addressed the court during Heinrich's sentencing hearing. Duffy said the victim in this case is a survivor who had the courage to stand up for herself. Duffy continued with saying there is not, nor will there ever be any justification for this type of behavior. Duffy added this type of repeated criminal behavior is so serious that the State Legislature seems to agree as they have made this type of crime the highest-level offense in our state, giving the courts the ability to prevent any more childhoods from being taken away from children.