

Bristol County District Attorney's Office
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Convicted child rapist Corey Deen Saunders will be sentenced in New Bedford Superior Court tomorrow (April 2) at 2 p.m.

Mr. Saunders was convicted on February 2, 2009, on charges of rape of a child, indecent assault and battery-subsequent offense, indecent assault and battery, enticing a child and threats to commit a crime.

District Attorney Sam Sutter and Assistant District Attorney MaryClare Flynn, have recommended that Mr. Saunders be sentenced to life in prison because of the age of the victim in this case, the circumstances of the case and the age of the previous victim from the 2000 case. Mr. Saunders' defense counsel, however, recommended that his client receive a sentence short of life in prison, including a sentence of probation.

District Attorney Sutter will be available at the courthouse tomorrow to make a statement about the conclusion of the case and answer any questions from the media.

Mr. Saunders was arrested by New Bedford Police on January 30, 2008 after being accused of raping a 6-year-old boy in a room at the New Bedford Public Library.

After first having Saunders held without bail through the use of a dangerousness hearing, District Attorney Sam Sutter immediately moved for a probation violation hearing to prove that Mr. Saunders' actions in the library violated the terms of his probation from a 2000 conviction for attempted rape of a child. The terms of his probation from the 2000 case prohibited Mr. Saunders from having unsupervised contact with minors.

After a hearing on the matter in April of 2008, Judge Kane ruled that Mr. Saunders had violated the terms of his probation and agreed with Assistant District Attorney Flynn's request that Mr. Saunders be sentenced to the maximum five year prison term for his probation violation.

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