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Man Convicted of Rape and Aggravated Child Molestation

On April 17, 2023, twenty-nine-year-old Tyreeq English-Richards entered a plea of guilty to multiple counts of rape, aggravated child molestation, and child molestation. Chief Assistant District Attorney Kevin McMurry and Assistant District Attorney Madeline Ross prosecuted the case before Chief Superior Court Judge William "Beau" McClain.

The case began in the summer of 2020 when the fourteen-year-old victim came to Douglas County, Georgia to visit a lifelong friend for a few weeks. While staying at the friend's house, the friend's mother introduced her boyfriend, Tyreeq English-Richards, to the victim. Despite being a registered sex offender with a condition barring him from being around and near children, English-Richards stayed at the friend's house and interacted with the victim and other children. English-Richard's presence at the house and his history were unknown to the victim's mother.

During this time English-Richards began to sexually assault the victim. The victim feared English-Richards and therefore suffered in silence and did not report the abuse. In July, the victim returned to her home in Michigan. She told her mom that she did not feel well and she complained of pain in her pelvic region. The victim's mom took her to a doctor where she was ultimately diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. This diagnosis led the victim to disclose the abuse and multiple rapes she endured in Douglas County.

The case was initially investigated by the police in Michigan and was referred to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. During the local investigation, English-Richards was interviewed and denied the allegations. Law enforcement was able to obtain medical records showing that English-Richards tested positive for the same sexually transmitted disease as that of the victim.

Later District Attorney Investigators, Chief Kim Tesalona and Deputy Chief Nick O'Connor, picked up the case and uncovered additional evidence and other child victims of English-Richards. The evidence revealed that English-Richards had impregnated three other young girls between the ages of thirteen and fourteen. The evidence from one of the other victims led to an additional case of child molestation being charged against English-Richards for which he also pled guilty. In total, English-Richards received a sentence of life with the first twenty years to be served in prison without the possibility of parole.

"The victim in this case endured abuse, delay, and inaction, but she and her family fought to have the defendant held accountable. Their efforts enabled us to make sure that this abuse could not and would not happen again, and for that reason, she is a hero," said District Attorney Dalia Racine.