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District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Edwin Garcia, 66, of Pennsylvania, was sentenced on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 for the crime of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B violent felony offense. Garcia pleaded guilty on August 29, 2023.

Garcia admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with a person who was less than eleven years old on May 20, 2023, in the Town of Ulysses. Garcia has been incarcerated in the Tompkins County Jail since he was arrested on May 21, 2023.

County Court Judge Scott A. Miller sentenced Garcia to a term of twenty-five (25) years in state prison together with twenty (20) years of post-release supervision. In addition, Garcia will be required to register as a sex offender.

Assistant District Attorney Veronica Fox prosecuted the case. Attorney Jerome Mayersak of Ithaca represented the defendant.

Van Houten said “This sentence should be taken as a clear message that sexual abuse of children will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in this community. Nothing the judicial process can provide will ever fully amount to justice for the victim and her family, but the sentence in this case represents the most appropriate consequences legally available, and a fair resolution to such a horrific case.”

The New York State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Troop C, Ithaca, investigated the case.
