

## Peter Tosto Convicted

February 8, 2019

District Attorney Matthew Van Houten announced today that Peter A. Tosto, 53, of King Ferry, was convicted of one of the top charges, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class A Misdemeanor, after a non-jury trial in the Ithaca Town Court. The judge arrived at the verdict today, at the conclusion of a two- day trial held on February 5, 2019 and February 8, 2019. The defendant was found not guilty of Assault in the Third Degree.

Tosto was found guilty of knowingly acting in a manner likely to be injurious to the physical, mental, or moral welfare of a child under the age of seventeen. At the time of the offense, Tosto was employed as a caregiver by the Franziska Racker Center afterschool program at TST BOCES. The victim was a twelve-year-old child enrolled in the afterschool program, in Tosto's care.

The possible sentences include up to one year in jail or up to three years of probation. Sentencing will be scheduled for a future date before Judge James Salk.

Assistant District Attorney Emily Perks Quinlan prosecuted the case. Lance Salisbury was the defendant's attorney. The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation.