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Waldorf, MD - 7/17/2012

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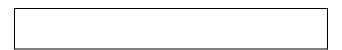
Charles County Circuit Court Judge Amy Bragunier sentenced a Waldorf man to 55 years imprisonment for crimes associated with raping a 15 year old family member. Earlier this year on May 15 a Charles County jury deliberated for five hours before finding Clayton Calvin Griffin, Jr., 43, guilty of Sexual Child Abuse, Sexual Solicitation of a Minor, Incest and Third Degree Sex Offense.

Griffin, a Federal Protective Services police officer, did not speak on his own behalf at the sentencing hearing but, through his attorney, did maintain his innocence. Charles County State's Attorney Tony Covington, however, reminded the Court of the text messages introduced at trial which included messages where Griffin told the girl that he "always" used contraception when he had sex with her and messages where Griffin asked if he could perform a specific sex act on the victim. Covington also pointed out that the Defendant through text messages told the victim to erase the text messages about the sex and contraception.

In his remarks to the Court, Covington urged the Judge to impose a sentence that "will punish Griffin for his despicable acts and that will send this message to would be abusers: In Charles County if you have sex with a child you will go to prison for a long time".

While the victim did not address the Court, she did provide a letter that was read out loud by Covington. In part, the victim wrote, "You know what you did and I feel that if you weren't afraid to abuse me, you shouldn't be afraid to speak up and admit what you did to me." She also indicated that despite Griffin's actions she was determined not to let this "break [her] down" and that she is determined to "be the successful girl [she] was meant to be".

Facing the Judge with his head hung low, Griffin began to quietly cry when he heard the Judge announce the imposition of the maximum sentence allowed by law for his crimes. He was given consecutive sentences of 25 years for Sexual Child Abuse, 10 years for Sexual Solicitation of a Minor, 10 years for Incest and 10 years for Third Degree Sex Offense.



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kool keith 😔

7/17/2012 at 2:36 PM

Good Job!

Good Job Charles County. Now only if we had a court system like this in St. Mary's County. The criminals in St. Mary's go to jail, but they are released a few hours later. Start giving people hard time, they might stop doing hard crimes. Make examples out of these idiots.

Reply to This Comment

EYEHEARYOU 😔

7/17/2012 at 4:36 PM

Reply to kool_keith: Great job ,,,law enforcement and

procecutors!!!Be it(the actions of the perpetrator) however immoral and shameful to have hurt a child in any way.

For the perpetrator this is a death sentence and rightfully so deserved! We all have some kind of cross to carry, sounds like the victim will carry her way through this..I hope there is support from family and the court system, or psychological services, so she can make it through this a little easier.

I have a feeling she(the victim) is strong enough to become a advocate and counselor to those less able to help themselves.

HBallaChick 🚱

7/17/2012 at 10:02 PM

the power of lies

its funny how a child can lie and cry and be believed. why is it that soon as a spoiled, ungrateful, greedy, disrespectful, lieing, trifling, sneaky, underhanded, devilishness, conniving, spiteful, smut child was told no that she cant do something they find ways to get there way by turning something that she started in to a castration of someones life that gave her the world but she didn't except it unless she was giving materialistic things. her clam was this was happening for a long time but nothing was never said till she was told no.. i no that it is lies and the text messages was edited if they were to call the phone company and get the original print out and also the evident that proves he didn't do it and bring it in to the court then i feel that this hole incident would have taken another route.. this is for all the females that cant get there way don't lie cause u will never know who's life u will be destroying.....

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blue cat 😔

7/17/2012 at 11:44 PM

Reply to HBallaChick: HBallaChick...

Have you considered that your friend/family member is just a pervert?

et334life ⊚ 7/19/2012 at 8:28 PM

Reply to HBallaChick: You are correct!!!!

Without saying names I know for a fact you can text from your own phone to self. I also know that his wife phone was in his name so it would indeed come up as Clayton Griffin. I also know there was a divorce looming and it was stated I will ruin your life. I also know the children was spoiled rotten so is mine. I know this has happen before with another man with same child. I know his wife was caught cheating I also know he never once cheated on his wife. Even when women flung there bodies at him I witness this in FL. Reasonable Doubt! I wish I was called a witness. I would have told it all.....

et334life 😂 7/19/2012 at 8:38 PM

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smib65 😔 7/20/2012 at 5:17 AM

Reply to HBallaChick: Learn the English language

You are an ignorant moron who has no idea what grammar or suntax is. Use English, not Ebonics.

CaliDeeDee ⊗ 7/17/2012 at 11:42 PM

Unbelievable

Short and sweet. This is NOT the man I know. I don't believe a single word of it, not a one! You won't be forgotten Griff, I promise you that...

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hottater ⊚ 7/18/2012 at 10:24 PM

the bottom line....

is that a 40-some-year-old man has no business having sex with a 15-year-old girl. That being said, I'm sure the girl was such an angel. She'd probably slept with plenty of boys from her school before this man and will sleep with plenty more boys from her school. My guess is that she was getting something out of the relationship with this man, and when she lost what she was getting (i.e., he stopped seeing her), she came forward and played the sweet, innocent victim. I'm not saying the guy doesn't belong in jail. I'm saying it's not right tht these young girls get to pick and choose when they want to be sluts. They know what they are doing.

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hottater ⊚ 7/19/2012 at 6:23 PM

Reply to hottater: let my make it clear....

that a 15-year-old girl can be easily manipulated by an older man with some kind of power over her. In this case, the older man was related to her AND was a cop. I stand by my point that a 15-year-old girl has no business having sex with ANYONE, but the older man above should have been one to direct her AWAY from sex, not towards it. God knows she probably gets enough pressure by her peers to have sex.

et334life (a) 7/19/2012 at 7:48 PM

From Clayton C. Griffin Friend and Brother

I am the personal friend of Clayton and his wife. This is ripping my heart out to know my brother is not of this nature. See when you are adopted into his family and know as Uncle E. I know this man on every aspect of his life. He is a loving father that has provided protected and work countless hours on Canine Detail. He has raised children that was his by marriage and took them as his own. He faithfully attended all or most of school functions. He supported every child to excel also pushing them to do better if they fell short it was a calming voice to say you tried. See we took family vacations together bbq every weekend. We would see each other at least 4 times a week. And he would

give you the shirt off his back. He has never jeopardized his badge and serve this nation with Distinction thru Military Service, also Canine Patrol. Do I know him yes I do...This man has cried to me and I the same to him about family issue's and coping and dealing. He is innocent for the record...Little Brother this to shall past. And as long as you remember Justice, Prudence, Temperence, Fortitude, and Forgiveness...

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 7/21/2012 at 9:50 AM

hev every one can say any thing but i know

this man for a very long time now before he had a child and he is a great man to any woman and would do anything for his family. but only God knows him .and would help him .he don't deserve to go to jail for some thing he did not do .i do believe him and God to .i am sure about that, and the girl i do hope one day she finds it her heart to say the truth to set clayton free. God will forgive you my child, do the right thing.

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HBallaChick 😔

7/21/2012 at 11:18 AM

replies

i wanna start by saying to those who had nothing but positive things to say bout my brother yes its me tina his lil sister... i was upset and disappointed in the way things happen with this kid but hay if the mother is messed up the child will follow directly be hind cause at the end of the day it was all bout money nothing more why they stayed around but when the money ran out this when all of a sudden the craziness started happening.. and for those that had nothing else but negative to say which was @simb65 @hottater u was bless because ur mothers didn't swallow first and second im talking what i no hes my brother and if ya'll can read if it happen to me and he took me away from it why would he turn around and do it to another child outta all the kids he ever been around including mines why would she be the chosen one when she never liked him i no that ya'll not working with any since and neither am i for relying to the comments but the more neg energy that passes Thur here goes to show that the population is corrupted just like the system there was evidence that proved him not guilty but for some reason they wouldn't let it be presented in to court so before ya'll say anything else moronic do ur research hes a good man that just went and chose the wrong family to support who dont make mistakes....

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smib65 😔

7/21/2012 at 1:49 PM

Reply to HBallaChick: It must be terrible

to be as ignorant as you obviosly are. Do you even know what a period is? How about a dictionary? Stupid is as stupid does

forgiving 👴

7/23/2012 at 8:07 AM

Reply to HBallaChick: ..

i Wouldnt Lie about This At All. the Evidence All Showed.

LHS09party 😔

7/23/2012 at 10:27 PM

Reply to HBallaChick: Wow, just wow

Does your mother have ANY idea who your father is?

Her brother, maybe?

forgiving 😔

7/24/2012 at 9:32 AM

Reply to HBallaChick: Tina You Sound So Dumb and Uneducated

What does my mother have to do with griff abusing me? my mother was never there for his money. my mother worked liked a dog to help take care of us. YOU only miss him now because he gave you money and helped you and now you dont have anything to turn to. bitch you know nothing about this situation. its my vagina i know who's been in it, you had your opportunity to be at the trail and you wernt there. i did not report this because he told me no. i reported this because i thought i was pregnant. the text messages are not fake detectives were in the room with me when they told me to send him text messages and some of them were already in my phone. griff repeatedly told me to delete the text messages, they traced his number and plus got his phone records and everything so no text messages were made up. YOU DONT KNOW ANYTHING WHATSOEVER but the lies that griff told you to make him look innocent, you wern there at anything so just stfu and keep quiet and stop making comments and you dont know what your talking about. i am a child you look really stupid Harassing me and my sisters over facebook whats done is done. whatever you have to say does not matter anymore. its not going to change anything. i know i did the right thing and i will NOT let his family tell me anything different. he getting what he deserves. i may not did the right things in my life but that has nothing to do with him abusing me. i dont regret anything ive ddone. so please stop posting and sending messages because you dont know anything. you were no there.

forgiving 💮

7/24/2012 at 9:35 AM

Reply to HBallaChick: ..andd

the court knew that i didnt like griff in the beginning when we forst met . but as ime passed i did like griff . once again you dont know what your talking abou. i told the court about how me and griff relationnship was right in front of him! & where were you when i said that? in New york okay then.

HBallaChick 💮

7/25/2012 at 10:34 PM

loving the funny

all this is at Ms.forgiving lmmfao first of all missy i was told the reason why u never said anything was because ur mother was happy and it was going on for yrz but now it was just a couple times so im trying to fig out when was this alleged situation suppose to had taken place and from what i hear it was a ipod not a phone that u was promised then u clam ur mother was working u no like i no thats a lie sonia (police dog) was the only working female in that house if ur mother wasnt all bout money why did she take all his tax money huh if she loved him and new u were a bad seed why did she cry to me and my aunt and say that she new that she should of sent u away why is it that when i lived there with yall how u always was a spoiled brat and didnt get ur way so u started with ur disrespectful mouth for u never to like him yelled at him wish he never came in to ur life could not stand him u would actually let him touch u really lil girl and hold it in and then clam u never told any one i never harassed u or ur sisters i just told then that i missed then and wish them well and wish this aint never happen u on the other hand i still wish u the besti never new that once u been raped etc u can go on twiiter and face book and talk bout being with ur man and loving him and all that crap victims that i been and been around dont look at life so soon after that way young and old u new how he played with yall n u took this as a opp to get him out ur life win all u had to do was say u wanted to leave he played stupidly but i no that he would never touch no young girl not like u no way what makes u the choosen on huh? outta all females hes been around young and old what makes u so freaking special and money he aint never give me money cause i dont ask my family for nothing cause i gets money being a working women is my life sweety and u sure u no whos been n it fucking guys in school and behind bleachers yah and how many times did yall delete text messages and told him that yall not virgins any more or needed birth control and was scared to ask ur mother cause yall didnt want her to freak out theres alot of things that i no bout what yall did why didnt u tell the court that common sence to any one that nos that if someone hates u u stay away cause its nothing but drama and trouble why would he do that to himself? to be honest honey griff didnt say much of nothing thats the funny part it was ur peoples and if whay i said didnt matter why r u replying if it was tru what happen whay r u trying to defend it i must of hit a nerved i think i lie detector test should of came in to but a compulsive lier can beat it so i understand why that didnt come in to play and harassing is something that i didnt do to u but then again hearing all that i heard definitions are put were they wanna be put with words that want to be created i no that went over ur head cause ur right ur just a kid doing grown up things ur bothering me i can post anything i want on here thank u very much.... i like how u say ur a child and ur cursing and calling me names and think that i dont no nothing when i dont have to ears and eyes.. to be honest with u and ur family my brother loved yall and wanted a family so bad he picked up what ever cam his way and tried to turn a tragic situation in to something spectacular he didnt

do much for me matta of fact he aint do shit for me once he meet yall it hurt me like hell but at the end of the day he stil u need to open ur ears and eyes cause all the info i got from ur family after this i shall not converse with any one that is ever im not on here to go back n forth with young respectable innocent child before i get my words twisted and get lock to be that way less people less confusion lies and drama and stress so u have a wonderful life i will kissess tell everyone.	beneath me so u can reply and say what ever u and who ted up u right i am alone and it aint thanks to u i choose
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Jonesy904 ⊚ Reply to HBallaChick: Seriously	7/26/2012 at 6:57 PM
If you do not call Jerry Springer, I will!	
JERRY, JERRY!	
P.S. you two sound ghetto! Keep that trash up north.	
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Okay Hunnie, it does not matter what's done is done. Your dismissed little female. you know nothing . so just hushhi sheets? if he didnt do it why did he make up lies he couldnt go with? if he didnt do i why did he loose all that weight fairly dumb so like i said your dismissed little female,	
forgiving 👴	7/27/2012 at 10:51 AM
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okay what does my boyfriend have to do with it? you said you were raped right? and how many relationships have y	ou been in since then? ohh alright . im not going let

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