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## 25 Years to Life for Predatory Sexual Assault of a Child



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MAURICE SKEEN, 45, of Albany, was sentenced to 25 years to Life in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in the Supreme Court of Albany County this morning.

On July 23, 2013, SKEEN was found guilty after a jury trial of Predatory Sexual Assault in the First Degree, a Class A-II Felony.

Between 2006 and 2012 at various locations throughout the City and County of Albany, SKEEN did have sexual intercourse with a child who was known to him and who was under the age of 11 at the time of the abuse.

“For years this predator took advantage of a child; today he will forfeit the rest of his life to the department of corrections and spend every waking moment in a cell because of his heinous act. While today’s story may be about his sentence, the real story today and everyday moving forward is about this child and the examples she set for others who have been victims of sexual abuse through her strength, poise and courage exhibited throughout the investigation, trial and ultimately conviction of the defendant,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Christina Calabrese of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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