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Husband, Wife, Girlfriend Charged With Sexually Abusing Four Children

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Warren Earl Yerger, Leslie Yerger, and Deborah Keeley for sexually abusing children. Warren Yerger is accused of sexually assaulting three girls and one boy who were in his care from 1989-2012. He faces over 500 criminal charges. Leslie Yerger, Warren Yerger's wife, and Deborah Keeley, Warren Yerger's one-time girlfriend, also have been charged with sexually abusing children.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "These defendants essentially tortured children in their care for years. They degraded these victims in every way possible. As a child, where can you turn when the people who are supposed to be caring for you are sexually assaulting you? We will make sure that justice is done for the victims and to the defendants."

Warren Earl Yerger is 51 years old. He resided in Douglassville, PA. Leslie Yerger is 34 years old and resided in Douglassville, PA. Deborah Keeley is 46 years old and resided in Birdsboro, PA.

The allegations of the criminal complaints are as follows:¹

The four child victims were in the care of defendant Warren Yerger during all of the sexual abuse. The children were as young as three years old when the abuse occurred. The abuse took place in Chester County, Berks County, McKean County, and Montgomery County. The sexual abuse occurred for over a decade and included hundreds of incidents. The assaults included but are not limited to the following conduct:

- Anal rape
- Forced oral sex
- Digital penetration of the rectum
- Digital penetration of the vagina
- Forcing children to engage in sexual acts with each other
- Forcing children to participate when adults were having sex
- Taking naked pictures of children and transmitting them
- Physical abuse such as punching and kicking
- The two female co-defendants participated in some of the sexual abuse

Defendant Warren Yerger sometimes told people that he was saying nightly prayers with two of the victims, then would lock the door to their rooms and sexually assault them. He also told one victim that he “would beat the evil out of him [the victim].”

The defendants are charged with rape, aggravated indecent assault, endangering the welfare of children, conspiracy, and related charges. Warren Yerger faces over 500 counts of criminal conduct.

All of the defendants have been arrested. Warren Yerger’s bail was set at \$1,000,000.00 and he was remanded to Chester County Prison. Bail for the two women was set at \$500,000.00 and they were remanded to Chester County Prison.

District Attorney Hogan added, “Defendant Warren Yerger has been charged with every legally appropriate charge for sexually abusing these children.

¹ All criminal defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

There is no charge that exists for it, but he ought to be charged with murdering the childhood of these victims.”

This case was investigated by the Pennsylvania State Police. Prosecutor Deborah Ryan of the District Attorney’s Child Abuse Unit has been assigned to prosecute the case.

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Approved for release:

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