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**JUDGE DENIES CONVICTED RAPIST'S
MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF SENTENCE**

Muncie Indiana – On July 19, 2024, Delaware Circuit Court No. 4 Judge John M. Feick denied a Motion for Sentence Modification filed by Aaron King (DOB 10/15/1989). King's Petition was seeking early release from prison. King was convicted of Rape, Criminal Deviate Conduct, Criminal Confinement, and Strangulation. The facts most favorable to the conviction are as follows:

King arrived unexpectedly at K.N.'s apartment and knocked on the door. K.N., who had been sleeping, answered the door and invited him in. They went into her bedroom and rested until K.N. had to get ready for a graduate school class. King said that he was going out to get a breakfast sandwich, but instead he bought duct tape at a hardware store and returned to K.N.'s apartment. As K.N. opened the door to leave for class, King shut the door, carried her into her bedroom, and pushed her onto the bed. K.N. asked King what he was doing. He told her to shut up, pulled down her pants, and raped her. At one point, he forced her to perform fellatio. He also put his hands on her neck several times and squeezed so hard that "[e]verything was going black" and she "was gasping for air." During the assault, K.N. yelled and hit the walls, so King put duct tape over her mouth and bound her wrists together. He ultimately removed the duct tape, apologized to K.N., and left the apartment. K.N. called 911. She was taken to the hospital for examination and was kept overnight due to swelling in her throat.

King v. State, 83 N.E.3d 160 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017)

After the decision was rendered by the Court, Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman has said numerous times that “as long as I am Prosecutor in Delaware County, I will not agree to a reduction of a violent criminal’s sentence. Violent offenders must serve every minute of their sentence. The mere passage of time does not erase the pain and suffering inflicted at the hands of violent criminals. Nor does it lessen the risk that the person will commit another heinous crime.”

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