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## **Former Teacher's Aid Sentenced to 3 Years in Prison**

Rochester, NY- Today, Judge Vincent Dinolfo sentenced former East Irondequoit teacher's aide Jennifer Kennard to 3 years in State Prison plus 10 years post release supervision following her September conviction on six counts of Rape in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The charges, which also included two counts of Rape in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, stem from multiple incidents of sexual contact that occurred between Kennard and a former student at East Irondequoit Middle School. Much of the contact occurred in the defendant's home over a three year period, when the victim was less than 17 years of age.

Amanda Balling of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Bureau prosecuted the case and spoke on the victim's behalf at today's sentencing.

"All cases of rape are unconscionable, but it's particularly insidious when the victim is a child and the perpetrator is a trusted caretaker or teacher," said Balling. "Jennifer Kennard's actions victimized both a child and the community that entrusted her with that child's care. I'm pleased with today's outcome, and I hope that it serves as a warning to those who would consider preying on the most vulnerable members of our community in a similar manner."

Kennard, who was free on bail since her initial arrest, will begin serving her sentence immediately. Upon release, she will be required to register as a sex offender. In addition, the Judge issued an eight year order of protection for the victim, through 2023.

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