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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Stephen Johnson Imprisoned for Sexually Assaulting and Abusing Children**  
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Stephen Mark Johnson, 55, of Ishpeming, was sentenced to prison with the Michigan Department of Corrections on July 28, 2022. On June 9, 2022, he was found guilty by a jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Child Abuse - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Child Abuse - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He was sentenced in the 25th Circuit Court by the Hon. Roy D. Gotham to serve 10-30 years in prison, 10-15 years in prison, 5-10 years in prison, and 1-2 years in prison, respectively, for each conviction. All sentences will run concurrently with each other, and he will not be eligible for parole until March 10, 2032. He is also required to register as a sex offender on Michigan's public registry for the rest of his life. Upon release from prison, he will be subject to lifetime electronic (GPS) monitoring.

Marquette County Assistant Prosecutor Jill Hoffman, who prosecuted the defendant, stated, "I was honored and humbled to watch two young ladies stand up to someone who exposed them to years of fear and abuse. They were so brave to take the stand and I am happy to see that their voices were heard by the jury. The Defendant now faces a just sentence and now all parties that were affected by his actions can move forward and begin the healing process."

This case was investigated by the Chief Chad Radabaugh of the Ishpeming Police Department.

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