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●Update on the Jerad Peoples case.●

I'll share the prior story under the update. (His name is misspelled in photo below)

Mr. Peoples appeared at the Marion County courthouse October 7th. His defense attorney did not appear with him and according to court records he failed to contact the defendant. The case is continued until November 4th 2020 at 9 A.M.

A local group watching the case are worried this is an attempt at another loophole. Of course I have no idea.

As a refresher, they completely vacated the felony charge he was found guilty of. That charge being for sexual molestation to a child under 12 years old. No less than two serious class x felony charges of child molestation were dropped when Peoples agreed to not bother with a jury trial.

His release is due to a loophole in the system where he claimed his defense attorney did not mention it was a possible 60 years per felony instead of 30 years. It's important to note, either way, Peoples only received the 30 years his defense attorney warned him he'd get. He also agreed to be tried in absentia and was tried in such way for years. At the last moment he decided he didn't understand the rules. He stated he completely understood the rules the 3 years prior to this final statement. He was educated by the court about absentia several times it should be noted.

There is an independent group of individuals that are researching the case for the damages the victim must face due to this loophole. Some of the victims family do not feel comfortable with the defendant being free. If the family of the victim would like contacted by the group, please message me. Obviously due to this involving a minor, the child's name is protected.