



OFFICE OF  
**STATE ATTORNEY**  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Ginger Bowden Madden announces that on November 18, 2021, Dean Bruno Lainhart was sentenced to life in Florida's Department of Corrections by Santa Rosa County Circuit Court Judge Darlene Dickey on two counts of Capital Sexual Battery Upon a Person less than 12 years of age, defendant over 18 years of age. The Defendant was also sentenced to a concurrent thirty years in the Department of Corrections for the charge of Sexual Battery While in a Position of Familial or Custodial Authority; Lewd & Lascivious Molestation upon a Person Under 12; and fifteen concurrent years in the Department of Corrections for the charge Lewd & Lascivious Molestation Upon a Person Older than 12, but less than 16. In addition, the Defendant was designated as a Sexual Predator.

Between 2008 and 2013, the Defendant was the live-in boyfriend of the victim's mother. During that time, the Defendant, a parental figure to the victim, began sexually assaulting the victim while her mother was working overnight. The victim did not report the sexual abuse to law enforcement until she was an adult.

Consistent with the position of The Office of the State Attorney, prosecuting attorney, Jennifer Rogers stated, "It is important that all victims of sexual abuse have the ability to see the justice system work, even when there may be a delay in disclosure."

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Jennifer Rogers prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact Ms. Rogers at 850-981-5500.