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**RE:***PROSECUTOR CRALL IN ORAL ARGUMENTS ON BENEDICT APPEAL*  
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On February 23, County Prosecutor Matthew Crall attended oral arguments at the Third District Court of Appeals in Lima. He presented on behalf of the State in the matter of State v. Joshua Benedict. Benedict was convicted in April of 2021 of two counts of Rape of a nine year old, one count of Gross Sexual Imposition, and ninety-three counts of Pandering Sexually Orientated Materials involving Juveniles.

“It was my honor to defend this verdict since there is nothing more important than holding a child rapist accountable for his horrific crimes.” According to Crall, “the Court seemed very favorable to upholding the rulings of the Trial Court. It will be several months before we receive a ruling.”

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