Plain City man Manuel Prado sentenced for raping child

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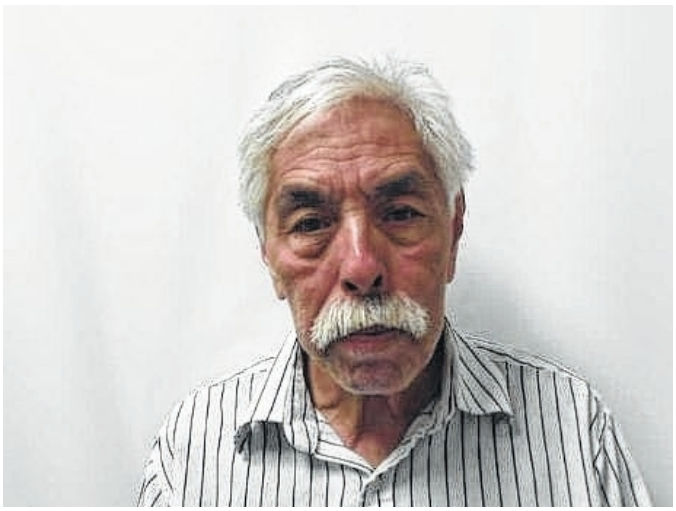

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A Plain City man was sentenced to eight years in prison for raping a child under the age of 10.

Manuel Bartolo Prado, 69, of Plain City, was sentenced Thursday after pleading guilty to a single count of rape, via bill of information.

A bill of information is a written statement that accuses a person of a crime, which does not require the approval of a grand jury.

The charge is a first-degree felony. The sentence was agreed upon by assistant county prosecutor Nick Adkins and Prado's attorney Titus Donnell.

Prado was originally indicted on one count of rape, a first-degree felony, and two counts of gross sexual imposition, third-degree felonies. The original indictment was dismissed.

Adkins said the bill of information was filed instead using the original indictment because the new charge is a different sub-section of the rape offense, which allowed the attorneys to recommend an agreed sentence, and the court to impose it.

The alleged offenses took place between Sept. 1, 2014 and May 29, 2015 in Plain City, according to Adkins. The Plain City Police Department investigated the incident.

Prado reportedly knew the victim, and he apologized in court for his actions. He said he betrayed people who trusted him, and he would have to live with that forever.

"I can't express how sorry I am," Prado said.

Adkins previously said that Prado faced a sex-related charge in Wyoming in 1985, but the case was dismissed. He has no other prior sexual offenses on his record.

The eight-year sentence is mandatory, which means he does not qualify for early release. Prado is now a registered sex offender, and will be required to report to probation for the rest of his life, according to Judge Eamon Costello.