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**FORMER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND JROTC INSTRUCTOR SENTENCED FOR
DOZENS OF SEX OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST CHILDREN**

Xenia, OH – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney David D. Hayes has announced that Eriks Gunars Fricsons of Fairborn, age 54, was sentenced to 12 to 16 years in prison for sexually-orientated offenses involving two child victims. The sentence was imposed by Greene County Common Pleas Judge Adolfo A. Tornichio.

Fricsons previously pled guilty to 24 counts of Sexual Battery, felonies of the third degree, and 26 counts of Pandering Sexually-Orientated Matter Involving a Minor or Impaired Person, felonies of the second degree.

The Fairborn Police Department received information that Fricsons was involved with a high school student who was experiencing family issues, and he allowed the student to stay in his home. Fricsons was employed as a high school teacher and a Junior ROTC instructor at Fairborn High School. For almost an entire year, Fricsons provided alcohol and marijuana to the victim which led to an intimate relationship. After a search warrant was executed at his home, police discovered obscene material possessed by Fricsons, which resulted in the Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor charges. A second minor victim who was not a student of Fricsons was identified as it related to the obscene material found in the home. Fairborn Police arrested Fricsons on May 6, 2022, and he has remained detained without bail throughout the pendency of the case.

When released from prison, Fricsons will be placed on a mandatory five-year period of Post-Release Control and will be supervised by the Adult Parole Authority. He will also be required to register as a Tier-III Sex Offender, which requires in-person verification every 90 days for the remainder of his life.

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney David D. Hayes stated, “Judge Tornichio did the right thing in sentencing this man to 12 to 16 years. His methodical, months-long abuse of the Fairborn High School student in this case represents a betrayal of every trust that was placed in him. He failed in

his responsibility as an educator, and he brought shame to the uniform that he wore. I think our legislature should consider stronger penalties when educators commit these crimes.”

The investigation into Fricsons’ criminal activity was led by Det. Shane Hartwell of the Fairborn Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Greene County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Christian M. Cavalier, and he was assisted by Greene County Victim Advocate Candice Purdin.



(Eriks Gunars Fricsons)