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**ELKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES**

**ELKTON-** On April 6, 2026, Andre Winston-Canty, 28, of Elkton, was sentenced in the Circuit Court for Cecil County to 16 years of incarceration at the Division of Corrections after he had previously entered a guilty plea to one count of Sex Offense – Third Degree and one count of Production of Child Pornography on January 26, 2026.

On June 10, 2025, the Elkton Police Department began an investigation after they received a report of past sexual abuse on a minor. The mother of the child victim, and former partner to Winston-Canty, reported to Elkton Police that she was contacted by Winston-Canty's current girlfriend who disclosed that on June 9, 2025, she was going through Winston-Canty's phone and discovered a video depicting a child being sexually abused. Detectives with the Elkton Police Department retrieved a copy of the video and were able to identify Winston-Canty's voice, the three-year-old child, and a possible creation location. Detectives executed a search warrant at Winston-Canty's residence and recovered materials that matched items depicted in the video. In an interview, Winston-Canty also corroborated the creation and contents of the video.

Maryland Sentencing Guidelines were calculated at 1 to 6 years for Production of Child Pornography and 1 to 6 years for Sexual Offense – Third Degree. The maximum sentence for each charge is 10 years of incarceration. Cecil County Circuit Court Judge William W. Davis, Jr. imposed a sentence above the guidelines as was requested by Assistant State's Attorney Zachary M. Payne. ASA Payne argued for an upward deviation from the guidelines citing the young age of the victim and the position of trust and authority Winston-Canty had over the child. The sentence handed down was 20 years with 4 of those years suspended for a total of 16 years active incarceration to serve at the Division of Corrections. Winston-Canty will also be required to register as a sex offender for life. Cecil County State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer thanks the Department of Social Services, the Child Advocacy Center, and the Elkton Police Department, along with Assistant State's Attorney Payne for their work in securing this result.

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