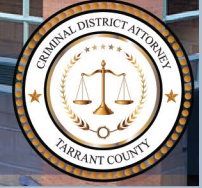


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FORMER NURSE'S AIDE GETS TWO LIFE SENTENCES FOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTING ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT

(Fort Worth, TX) – A Tarrant County jury today sentenced Anthony "Tony" Nyakeo to two life prison sentences for the Aggravated Sexual Assault of an Elderly/Disabled Person.

Nyakeo was a nurse's aide at a Grapevine nursing home where the 74-year-old female victim was a patient. Suffering from advanced alzheimer's, the patient was unable to speak, feed herself or use the bathroom on her own.

In January 2018, nurses caring for the patient discovered blood in her undergarments, and after performing an exam, found vaginal tearing consistent with sexual abuse. She was taken to JPS hospital for a sexual assault exam, where DNA was recovered. All male staff who were on duty during the relevant time period were asked to give DNA samples, and Nyakeo's DNA was matched to the recovered sample.

Prosecutors Jordan Rolfe and Darren DeLa Cruz argued the heinous nature of this crime, in which a caregiver took advantage of the most vulnerable among us.

"You never see a defendant like this coming," said lead prosecutor Rolfe. *"It goes against human decency and human nature, and everything we stand for here in Tarrant County."*

After finding Nyakeo guilty of two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Elderly/Disabled Person, the jury of Tarrant County residents sentenced him to two life sentences.

The patient ultimately succumbed to Alzheimer's, passing away a few months after the offense occurred.

"We are an aging community and we each deserve the peace of mind of knowing we will be treated with dignity when such time comes," said Rolfe. *"The defendant violated that right, and the jury demonstrated with their sentence this kind of abuse against the vulnerable will not be tolerated here."*

"Our community is safer now that he is in prison."

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