Man 46, Guilty Of Raping 12-Year-Old

A 46-year-old man received a unanimous Guilty verdict of Statutory rape from jurors at Criminal Court "E," presided over by Judge Wesseh A. Wesseh, at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia.

On September 14, 2026, a 12-member panel jury brought a Guilty verdict against defendant Grawfar Tokpah (Augustine Tokpa Yah) for raping Lucy Kollie (Not her real name). The jury returned a guilty verdict, but one person abstained.

The jury reached the guilty verdict after a short argument from both sides. At that time, the prosecution informed the jury that defendant Tokpah deserved to be found guilty because he intentionally lured the innocent girl to continue coming into his room to watch movies while her mother was away. He took advantage of the situation because they all live in the same house, among other things.

The prosecution argued that his actions violated the amended Rape Law, Chapter 14.70(b); moreover, during the police investigation, he admitted to the act.

On the other hand, the public defenders representing defendant Tokpah argued that the jury decision should not be based on assumptions. They argued that if the girl were rape it would not be Crawford. They further argued that the prosecution was trying to influence the mind of the jury when they stated in their argument before the jury that Crawford's girlfriend died in childbirth because she was frustrated about the rape issue.

The defense further argued that the prosecution must prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt, rather than relying on hearsay, among other things.

The defendant, Tokpah, committed the act between 2023 and 2024 in the Mamba Point community in Monrovia. He admitted to police that he had sexual intercourse with the victim several times in his room located in Mamba Point. On May 7, 2024, John F. Kennedy Hospital issued a medical report, which was used as documentary evidence against him.