

## Up to 690 years for man in 'horrific' child sex abuse case



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WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) - A suburban Philadelphia man has been sentenced to 339 to 690 years in prison on child sex abuse charges.

A Chester County prosecutor Wednesday said Warren Earl Yerger Sr. "perpetrated one of the most egregious and horrific cases" of abuse the county had seen.

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The 52-year-old was convicted in December on more than 100 counts stemming from the physical and sexual abuse of four children who were in his care from 1989 to 2012.

Officials say the two boys and two girls were as young as 3 and the abuse occurred at residences in Chester, Berks, McKean and Montgomery counties.

State law prevented Judge William Mahon from simply sentencing Yerger to life in prison. He says his sentence will have the same effect and underscores the gravity of Yerger's crimes.



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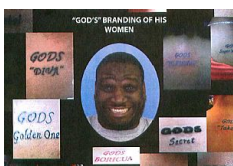
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