

A horrific tale of sexual abuse and torture spanning more than 15 years is detailed in a mountain of criminal charges filed this week against a western Wisconsin man. The victim, a 19-year-old woman now living in the Sheboygan area, was brutally and repeatedly raped from age 4 until last Christmas, according to criminal complaints charging the man with 40 counts of sexual assault and incest.

The 40 year old Melrose man has been charged in Jackson and Manitowoc counties with a total of 40 felonies that carry a maximum combined prison term of nearly 900 years. He was arrested May 5th, two weeks after the victim first reported the crimes to Sheboygan County investigators. The complaints detail dozens of episodes, including one instance where the man had his nephew join in raping and torturing the victim.

Monroe County District Attorney and Special Prosecutor, Dan Cary, said prosecutors are working with local investigators and prosecutors in the other counties. The is currently in the Jackson County Jail, held in lieu of a half million dollar cash bond.