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**DESOTO MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR PREDATORY CRIMINAL
SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a DeSoto man was sentenced for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child on February 3, 2015, and was sentenced to prison.

Anthony A. Starrett, 41, of DeSoto, IL, who was charged in Jackson County Circuit Court with Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, a Class X Felony, was sentenced to 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence is subject to 85% Truth-in-Sentencing legislation, meaning the defendant must serve at least 85% of the sentence. The defendant will serve a period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections of three years to his natural life. The defendant will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his natural life.

On November 18, 2014, Officers with the DeSoto Police Department began an investigation of an allegation of sexual conduct being committed against the victim, who was under the age of 13 years. During the investigation, the victim made disclosures accusing the defendant of inappropriate touching. Upon further investigation, the defendant was apprehended and ultimately confessed to committing an act of sexual conduct upon the victim.

This investigation was conducted by the DeSoto Police Department and the Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth prosecuted this case.