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**ARMANDA GORDON, LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN, SENTENCED TO ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Ludington, Michigan, resident, Armanda S. Gordon, age 35, was sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections upon pleading guilty to the charge of Criminal Sexual Assault.

On November 18, 2015, the defendant entered an open plea of guilty to Criminal Sexual Assault, a Class 1 Felony. On January 15, 2016, a sentencing hearing was held where evidence in aggravation and mitigation was presented to the Court.

In May 2014, the Murphysboro Police Department began a large-scale investigation of allegations of sexual abuse being committed upon two children. This investigation was directed at Robert Allen Pleasant, who sentenced last week in Jackson County Circuit Court to serve 75 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for his involvement in these offenses.

Throughout the investigation, the children disclosed acts of sexual abuse committed by Robert Pleasant, which spanned a number of years. During the investigation, a child also disclosed acts of sexual abuse committed by this defendant, Armanda Gordon, who was engaged in a relationship with Robert Pleasant at the time of the offense. Ultimately, Armanda Gordon admitted to participating in the sexual abuse of the child victim between the years of 2003-2010 at the direction of Robert Pleasant.

Upon hearing testimony from the victims and considering the evidence, the Court sentenced the defendant to six (6) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will have to serve at least 85% of the sentence pursuant to Truth in Sentencing Legislation. The defendant will serve a Mandatory Supervised Release period of three (3) years to natural life. The defendant will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of her natural life.

The investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey E.A. Bloodworth was responsible for the prosecution of this case.