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WOLF LAKE WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Wolf Lake, Illinois woman was sentenced for Criminal Sexual Assault on February 2, 2015, and was sentenced to prison.

Bethany R. Pleasant, 25, of Wolf Lake, IL, entered an open plea of guilty on November 13, 2014, to Criminal Sexual Assault, a Class 1 Felony. On February 2, 2015, following a lengthy sentencing hearing, the defendant was sentenced to 12 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 her release from the Department of Corrections of three years to her natural life. The defendant will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of her natural life.

Beginning in May, 2014, Officers and Detectives with the Murphysboro Police Department began a large scale investigation into alleged inappropriate sexual contact between this defendant and the victim, who was approximately 13 years of age when the acts were committed. The victim had disclosed to authorities acts of sexual conduct committed by the defendant. Detectives interviewed a number of witnesses and executed a number of search warrants related to the investigation. A large amount of digital evidence was collected during the investigation which assisted investigators with corroborating the allegations of abuse. On June 18, 2014, the defendant was taken into custody for the offense.

This investigation was conducted by the Murphysboro Police Department. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth prosecuted this case.