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### **DE SOTO MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a De Soto man was sentenced for child pornography on November 25, 2014, and was sentenced to prison.

Bryan P. Beal, 31, of De Soto, IL, who was charged in Jackson County Circuit Court with two counts of Child Pornography, was sentenced to serve a total of 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. 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 October 15, 2014, Detectives with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Agents with the Illinois Department of Corrections were conducting parole compliance checks within Jackson County. The defendant was the target of one of those compliance checks. Upon arrival of the defendant's home in De Soto, Illinois, Detectives and agents met with the defendant. During this meeting, Detectives obtained a Kindle Fire belonging to the defendant. Officers were granted permission to search that device, and upon doing so, officers viewed a sexually explicit chat conversation.

After the defendant was taken into custody, a full forensic evaluation of the Kindle Fire was conducted. During that forensic review, detectives recovered more of the sexually explicit conversation and believed the conversation was occurring with a female from the Philippines. Detectives recovered evidence that the defendant disseminated two photographs that clearly showed a child under the age of 13 being sexually abused and in a setting involving the lewd exhibition of the unclothed genitals of the child. The forensic review showed that these two photographs were in various locations on the defendant's Kindle Fire. During an interview with the defendant, the defendant admitted that the Kindle Fire belonged to him and that he had exclusive access to the Kindle.

The defendant was sentenced to 15 years for each count representing the two photographs noted above. Pursuant to the Illinois Code of Corrections, these sentences must be served consecutively, meaning the defendant was sentenced to a total of 30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. As stated above, the defendant will have to serve a period of Mandatory Supervised Release of three years to his natural life.

This investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Murphysboro Police Department and Agents with the Illinois Department of Corrections, District 5 Parole. Assistant State's Attorney Casey Bloodworth prosecuted this case.