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MURPHYSBORO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

Michael C. Carr, Jackson County State's Attorney, announced today that a Murphysboro man pled guilty to Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse on April 28, 2015 and was sentenced to prison.

Jerry L. Williams, 31, of Murphysboro, IL, was convicted in Jackson County Circuit Court of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and was sentenced to serve ten (10) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The defendant will serve a four (4) year period of Mandatory Supervised Release upon his release from the Department of Corrections.

On February 10, 2015, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Murphysboro Police Department began an investigation into an inappropriate relationship between the defendant and a juvenile female under the age of 17. Officers were alerted to inappropriate behavior between the defendant and juvenile via a concerned citizen. During the investigation, officers spoke with the victim, who admitted to having sexual intercourse with the defendant. During interviews with the defendant, he ultimately admitted to having sexual intercourse with the juvenile female.

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