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60 Year Sentence for Child Rapist

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Shane English, (dob: 11/11/1982, 13205 Church Road) of Minooka, Illinois was sentenced to 60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer on four separate counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child earlier this week.

The charges against English began back in late 2020 when the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children was alerted that images of child pornography had been uploaded through the internet. This information was forwarded through law enforcement channels to the Kendall County Sheriff's Office for immediate investigation. This investigation revealed that English had video recorded numerous instances of himself having sexual contact with a child family member who was approximately four years old at the time. The Sheriff's Office, working hand in hand with the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office, was able to gather the evidence needed to arrest English within days of receiving the initial anonymous information. A search of English's residence was completed and electronic devices belonging to English were recovered. These devices were forensically examined with assistance from the Illinois Attorney General's High Tech Crimes Bureau which uncovered the video recorded evidence. English was interviewed by members of the Sheriff's Office following his arrest and confessed to committing multiple sexual acts against the child and recording those acts. English remained in custody while the case proceeded through the court system.

During the sentencing proceedings, the victim's mother gave a victim impact statement on behalf of herself and the child victim. She stated how her courage in coming forward and telling the truth was what made the abuse stop. Additionally, she thanked members of the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office for their work and support through this difficult process.

Weis as well praised the work of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office who oversaw this complex investigation, along with members of his own office, and other law enforcement personnel who were able to support the work done to save this child from further abuse. "Our victim will have to process this for the rest of her life. I'm just thankful that we were able to not only stop this horrendous abuse from continuing, but to prevent this predatory child sex offender from abusing anyone else in the future. This is truly a case where a very lengthy prison sentence reflects the horrific actions of this child predator."

Each count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a class X felony. English was given 15 years on each of the four separate counts, each to be served consecutively or back to back. Because of the nature of the offenses, English will be required to serve 85% of his 60-year sentence. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant State's Attorney Mark Shlifka and Assistant State's Attorney Frank Gorup. English was represented by Attorney Charles Ogan.