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9-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that John Sheridan (date of birth 06/19/69, 883 Canyon Trail) of Yorkville, Illinois, was sentenced to 9 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robert Pilmer after a contested sentencing hearing for the offense of Criminal Sexual Assault. Sheridan was convicted by Judge Pilmer back in October of 2023 of Criminal Sexual Assault, a non-probationable Class 1 Felony. The sentencing range was from this offense was 4-15 years in prison.

The charge stems from an investigation back in May of 2022 when the Yorkville Police Department was notified of a report of a sexual assault. The investigation revealed that a woman was sexually penetrated without her consent while she was sleeping in a residence in Yorkville. The victim, who was a guest at the residence, had gone to sleep earlier and had awoken to Sheridan sexually penetrating her without her consent. Sheridan later admitted in a recorded statement to the sexual assault. At trial, Sheridan claimed that he lied in the recorded statement and thought the victim was his dog.

Under Illinois law, Sherida is required to serve 85 percent of his 9-year prison sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections before he will be required to serve a period of mandatory supervised release that could range from three years to the rest of his natural life. Sheridan is required by law to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. Weis commended the Yorkville Police Department for the investigation into this matter.

Weis commented, "The victim in this case did not consent to sexual activity with this offender. Sheridan took advantage of the victim while she was asleep. The victim came forward and reported her experience, cooperated with police, and testified about a very traumatic event. Additionally, she gave a compelling victim impact statement about the long-term impact this has had on her. Sexual assault will never be tolerated, and the Kendall County State's Attorney's Office will make every effort to ensure that these offenders are held accountable." Weis noted that Sheridan has four prior felony convictions and has been to the Illinois Department of Corrections on two prior occasions.

State's Attorney Eric C. Weis and Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer Cusack prosecuted the case. The Public Defender's Office represented Sheridan.