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Child sex offender gets 14 years for taking pictures of minors

Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis announced that Robin Lish (01/06/1962) formerly of Yorkville, Illinois was sentenced to 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after an agreed plea disposition last week on two counts of Child Photography by a Child Sex Offender which was approved by Judge Robert Pilmer.

The case arose when members of the Kendall County Sheriff's Office received a call that an older male and young minor female were walking on a closed trail near the Ceder Ridge Park Campground. When deputies arrived, they found a minor female under the age of 10 in the creek not wearing a shirt. Lish was also observed in the creek. When alerted to law enforcement's presence, Lish placed his pants back on and exited from the creek with them on backwards. Deputies noted that Lish was not wearing underwear. During their investigation, Lish was found to have been convicted of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault in Pike County Illinois, which made him a child sex offender. Lish's cell phone was searched, and it was determined that Lish had taken pictures of the minor and her sister, who was also a minor. There were no allegations that any physical or sexual abuse had been committed by Lish.

Weis commended the deputies involved, along with the Kendall County Children's Advocacy Center who interviewed the minor and offered services to them as well. "Thankfully, in this case, we believe Lish was stopped before something worse could have occurred with the young child." Weis also thanked the caller in this case. "Without a concerned citizen taking the time to call law enforcement, this crime could have easily gone unnoticed or become even more traumatic for the minor victim."

After his prison sentence Mr. Lish will have to serve 2 years of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole, and may be detained further under a separate civil proceeding if the Attorney General deems it appropriate.

The case was prosecuted by Criminal Chief Assistant State's Attorney Frank Gorup. Lish was represented by the Office of the Public Defender.