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CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER IN BOONE COUNTY SENT TO PRISON

On February 13, 2009, Boone County Judge Fernando Engelsma sentenced Jeffrey Waites to three counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse to a fourteen year old girl. Waites was sentenced to a total of thirteen (13) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The sentencing range was 3 to 14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Waites was eligible for an enhanced sentence due to a prior conviction of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse for which he previously served a prison term.

Boone County State's Attorney Michelle Courier was pleased with the sentence. "Justice was served," Courier commented. "Based upon this defendant's actions and criminal history, he needed to be kept off the streets as long as possible and sentencing him to nearly the maximum amount of prison time allowed for this charge serves to protect our community."