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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer sentenced **Thurman Leak (DOB: 10/10/1972)** to five years and six months in the Illinois Department of Corrections on each of two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. The defendant will also be on Mandatory Supervised Release for three years to Natural Life after he is released from prison. Leak plead guilty to the offenses in October of 2024.

On May 31, 2021, Rockford Police Officers responded to a Rockford Hospital after a report of a sexual assault. The mother of two victims under the age of 13 reported the incident. During the investigation, the defendant, Thurman Leak, was developed as the suspect. The abuse happened at various times over a two year time period.

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse is a Class 2 Felony punishable by a sentence of 3-7 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years to natural life of Mandatory Supervised Release. Leak was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 5 and a half years in the Department of Corrections. The sentences will be served at 50%.

The Rockford Police Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Emily Palmer handled the prosecution.

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