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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher sentenced **Charles Jones (DOB: 1/31/1983)** to 48 years in the Illinois Department of corrections for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child. Jones will also be on mandatory supervised release for three years to the rest of his life after he is released from prison. The defendant was convicted of eight counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child after a jury trial in September of 2022. Judge Maher sentenced Jones to six years on each count and the sentences will be served consecutively at 85%.

On November 14th, 2018, Officers from the Rockford Police Department were dispatched to a Rockford hospital in reference to a reported sexual assault of a child. Officers spoke to a nurse, who directed them to the child. Detectives conducted a follow up investigation, and the defendant, Charles Jones, was developed as a suspect.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child is a Class X Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by three years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

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

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