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

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Charles B. Hancock (DOB: 3/29/1974)** was found guilty of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse after a jury trial before the Honorable Judge Debra Schafer. Judge Schafer sentenced Charles Hancock to 16 years on Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, and 10 years on Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. The sentences shall be served consecutively.

On May 2, 2023, Winnebago County Sheriff's Police received a report that a child under the age of 13 had been sexually assaulted by the defendant, Charles Hancock. The assaults happened between June and December of 2022 while the defendant was residing in the same residence as the victim. Prior to his arrest for this offense, Hancock was a registered sex offender.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault is a Class X Felony and is punishable by a special sentence of 6-60 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by a lifetime of Mandatory Supervised Release, and must be served at 85%.

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse is a Class 2 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 3-14 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections followed by four years of Mandatory Supervised Release.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorneys Emily Palmer and Andrew Marcum handled the prosecution.

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