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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on June 24, 2022, **Bryan Gilson (DOB 5/27/85)** was sentenced to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of Child Pornography before the Honorable Judge Joseph McGraw.

In January of 2020, investigators with the Illinois State Police were advised that an individual was downloading, uploading, and sharing suspected child sexual abuse materials over the internet. Investigators learned that the subscriber of the account being used was Bryan Gilson, a resident of Rockford, IL. Officers met with the defendant and his cellphone was searched. The defendant admitted to viewing child sexual abuse material and to sharing it in chatrooms using internet applications. During a search of the defendant's phone, investigators located hundreds of photographs and videos of children, including children under the age of 13, engaged in sexual acts and conduct.

Child Pornography is a Class X Felony punishable by 6-30 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The 20 year sentence for this count is to be served at 50% and followed by a Mandatory Supervised Release term of 3 years up to Natural Life.

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

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