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Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that **Joshua J. Wahmhoff (DOB: 6/6/1987)** was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Sexual Exploitation of a Child – the maximum allowable sentence. Wahmhoff will also be on Mandatory Supervised Release for six months after he is released from prison. The Defendant plead guilty to the offense in front of the Honorable Judge Scott Paccagnini in October of 2024.

On July 29, 2024, Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a call for service involving a 15 year old female. During the course of the investigation, detectives determined the defendant, Joshua Wahmhoff, offered the victim money if she would let him look at her naked body. This happened several times between February and July of 2024. Wahmhoff was previously convicted of Criminal Sexual Assault in McHenry County, Illinois in December of 2008.

Sexual Exploitation of a Child is Class 4 Felony that is punishable by a sentence of 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Correction followed by six months of Mandatory Supervised Release. The sentence must be served at 50%.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigation in this case. Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Hanson handled the prosecution.

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