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People v. Robert Musson 2023-CF-420

Courageous Child Victims Aid the State's Attorney's Office in Fight Against Child Predator

On August 14, 2024, Robert Musson (DOB: 7/20/1965) was found guilty by a Vermilion County Jury on six counts of class X Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child, following a two-day trial. Musson now faces a sentence of mandatory Natural Life in prison.

Evidence was presented by the State that the Danville Police Department received reports that two minor victims came forward with information that Robert Musson had sexually abused them at separate times between 2016 and 2020. Investigation and interviews were conducted by members of the Danville Police Department Investigation Division, with the assistance of the Vermilion County Child Advocacy Center and the Peoria Child Advocacy Center. Victim testimony indicated that Musson had threatened to kill the victims if they told anyone about the abuse.

Following the trial, State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy thanked the Jurors for their service. She extended her appreciation for the victims and for their bravery. "These children have been through unfathomable trauma at the hands of someone they should have been able to trust. This sexual predator caused unbelievable suffering for the victims and their families, but the courage displayed by both victims in their cooperation with police and in facing their abuser in Court showed true strength." Lacy added, "We appreciate the efforts of the Danville Police, the Vermilion County Child Advocacy Center, the Peoria Child Advocacy Center and the staff of the Survivor Resource Center."

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 11, 2024.