



News Release

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Waconia Man Convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that on March 7, 2012, Paul Scott Zunker, age 36, of Waconia, pleaded guilty to Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree and was sentenced.

The complaint alleged that between August 15, 2010 and August 15, 2011, Zunker engaged in sexual contact with a person under the age of 16 on multiple occasions over an extended period of time.

Prior to the plea, at Zunker's request, the Court ordered a pre-sentence investigation to be conducted by the Department of Corrections.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Mike Wentzell prosecuted this case. At sentencing, Wentzell requested that the Court sentence Zunker to 36 months in prison.

Judge Richard Perkins imposed a 90 month prison sentence, but stayed the execution of the prison sentence and placed Zunker on probation for 15 years. As conditions of probation, Judge Perkins ordered Zunker to serve 6 months in the Carver County jail, to successfully complete sex offender treatment and aftercare, to have no unsupervised contact with minor females under the age of 18, to comply with a polygraph examination, to have no possession of pornography, to not use the internet unless approved by his probation agent, to register as a predatory offender, and to submit a DNA sample.

While imposing the sentence, Judge Perkins noted that Zunker accepted responsibility for his actions and reacted positively and proactively as soon as this case was initiated. Judge Perkins' sentence was consistent with the recommendations of the Department of Corrections' pre-sentence investigation.

The case was investigated by the Carver County Sheriff's Office. Wentzell recognized the work of the Sheriff's office in this case, "The investigation brought forth strong evidence which led to Zunker's plea of guilty to the most serious count in the complaint."

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