



## News Release

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### **Level 3 Predatory Offender Sentenced to 30 years in Prison**

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that Travis Allan Olsen, age 38, of Prior Lake, was sentenced today by the Honorable Judge Philip T. Kanning to 30 years in prison for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree. Following service of this sentence, Olsen will be subject to conditional release for the remainder of his life, which allows the Commissioner of Corrections to take Olsen back into custody for a violation of law or rule. This sentence represents the maximum sentence allowed under the law. Judge Kanning also made a preliminary determination that a Petition for Civil Commitment as a Sexually Dangerous Person for Olsen is appropriate.

On September 20, 2011, following a seven day trial, a Carver County jury found Olsen guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree.

The jury heard evidence that, between January 2008, and April 2008, Olsen lived with his girlfriend and his girlfriend's 12 year old daughter in the city of Chaska. While the mother was working night shifts, Olsen asked the child whether she would like to come into his bedroom. The child testified that, on several occasions, she agreed to go into Olsen's bedroom and Olsen engaged in sexual intercourse with her.

After Olsen moved out of the home in April of 2008, the child frequently met Olsen at a gas station. Olsen drove the two to various parks and hiking trails, where the two engaged in sexual intercourse, according to the child's testimony.

Olsen was previously convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in 1998 and Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, also in 1998. The Defendant is currently a Level 3 Predatory Offender. Information regarding his Predatory Offender Registration, including a photograph, can be found by selecting the following link:

<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/level3/OffenderDetail.asp?OID=198475>

The Chaska Police Department investigated, and Chief Deputy County Attorney Mike Wentzell prosecuted the case. Judge Philip T. Kanning presided over the trial.

County Attorney Mark Metz commented, "Based on this offense, and Olsen's prior offenses, it is clear that Olsen represents a significant threat to public safety. This sentence will ensure that the public will be safe from Olsen for the maximum amount of time allowed under the law. This beneficial outcome is a credit to Chief Deputy Wentzell's superb trial work, diligence and professionalism, in conjunction with the fine work of the Chaska Police Department and Carver County Social Services."

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