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Level 3 Predatory Offender Convicted By Carver County Jury

Carver County Attorney Mark Metz announced that a Carver County jury found Travis Allan Olsen, age 37, of Prior Lake, 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 1st Degree in 1998 and Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 3rd 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, "The successful outcome on this case is directly attributed to the fine work and collaboration between the Chaska Police Department, Carver County Social Services, and the County Attorney's Office. Based on this offense, and Mr. Olsen's significant prior history, our office has significant concerns about the public safety threat Mr. Olsen poses. Accordingly, our office will be seeking the maximum sentence allowed under the law."

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