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People v. Travis Vannote 2021 CF 735

On April 1, 2021, Travis Vannote formerly of Danville, Illinois was sentenced today by Judge Charles Hall to Natural Life in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offenses of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault. Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault is a Class X felony and possible punishment typically is six (6) to sixty (60) years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This defendant was subject to natural life in prison based upon the fact that he committed his crimes against two victims. The defendant plead guilty to two counts; one count for each victim.

During the plea the Court heard evidence that the defendant was related to the victims by marriage. In 2012, the defendant used his sex organ to make contact with the mouth of one victim under the age of thirteen (13) for purposes of sexual gratification. The Court heard further evidence that in 2014, the defendant used his sex organ to made contact with the mouth of a second victim under the age of thirteen (13) for the purpose of sexual gratification.

“Sexual predators in our community who prey on our most vulnerable children will be held accountable. This defendant was brought to justice with the cooperation of the brave victims and he now will never be able to hurt another child. Thank you to the Danville Police Department for their work on this case.” -*Jacqueline Lacy, State's Attorney*