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PRESS RELEASE

Edwardsville— An Alton man was sentenced to 32 years in prison today after being convicted by a Madison County jury earlier this year.

State's Attorney Tom Gibbons announced the sentencing for Garrett B. Rottau, 34, formerly of Alton. Rottau was convicted on four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child on September 11, 2014, following over seven hours of jury deliberations.

During the trial, the jury heard testimony from the 17-year-old victim who described Rottau's acts that occurred when she was 10 and 11 years old. Rottau lived with the victim and her family in Alton at the time of the assaults.

Rottau was sentenced to 8 years for each count of predatory criminal sexual assault. The sentences will run consecutive, and Rottau will be required to serve at least 85% of his 32-year sentence. The charges are Class X felonies and carried a sentence range of 6-30 years in prison. Prosecutors asked for the defendant to be sentenced to 60 years.

State's Attorney Gibbons commended the work of his prosecutors, Assistant State's Attorneys John Fischer and Kathleen Nolan, along with the Madison County Child Advocacy Center, Illinois State Police crime lab, medical personnel and the Alton Police Department. “It took a team of talented professionals working together to put this case together for the jury. I hope that it sends a message to victims that my office, through our Children’s Justice Division, will do everything we can to seek justice for them by holding predators accountable.”

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