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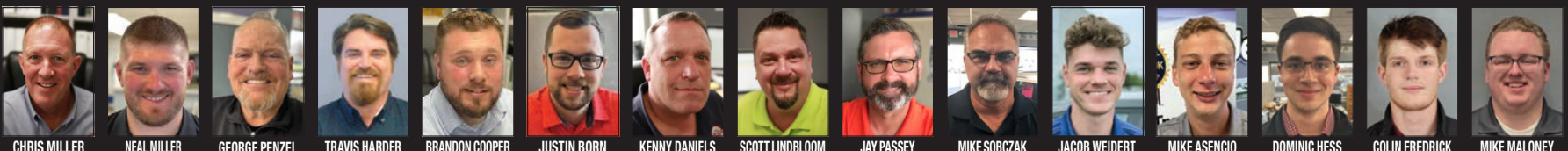
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Menas named Associate Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Chief Judge Daniel B. Shanes is delighted to announce that Deborah J. Menas has been elected by the Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit and will become Lake County's newest Associate Judge. This opening was the result of the retirement of Associate Judge Theodore S. Potkonjak last October after 22 years of dedicated service to the people of Lake County.

"Ms. Menas brings a strong knowledge of the law, intellect, and professional demeanor that will make her an excellent addition to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. I congratulate her on her appointment and look forward to her joining us as an Asso-

ciate Judge in Lake County," said Chief Judge Shanes.

Ms. Menas received her Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Chicago in 1990. She earned her Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University School of Law in 1994 and was admitted to practice law in Illinois that year. Ms. Menas is a member of the Jefferson Inn-American Inns of Court, the Lake County Bar Association, and the Women's Bar Association of Lake County. She previously served as a Principal Assistant Public Defender with the Lake County Public Defender's Office, as a sole practitioner, as a Principal

Assistant State's Attorney with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, and is currently an Illinois FOP Labor Council attorney.

"I am truly grateful and honored to receive this appointment and look forward to serving the people of Lake County. Thank you to the Circuit Judges for your mentorship and for providing me this incredible opportunity and to my family, friends, and colleagues who supported and guided me throughout my legal career," said Ms. Menas.

Chief Judge Shanes will administer the oath of office to Ms. Menas on Monday, March 3.

Training helps groups work together to identify signs of human trafficking

January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month. But after January 31, the scourge of human trafficking will unfortunately continue. In an effort to combat the growing issue of human trafficking, the City of North Chicago, in collaboration with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and the Human Trafficking Task Force, hosted a specialized training for city employees. The 'recognize and respond' initiative is a community commitment to combat cases of sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

The training brought together employees from the city's public-facing departments, including Public Works, Fire, Police, Finance, Code Enforcement, and the Mayor's Office. Members of the Human Trafficking Task Force, including a prosecutor, an investigator, and a social worker from A Safe Place, led the sessions. Participants learned to identify key signs of trafficking, such as isolation from the public, malnourishment, and unstable living conditions, and were provided strategies to support victims.

North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham said, "Everyone deserves protections under the law. What we have here is an opportunity for our civil

servants to see to that while going about their regular duties."

Task Force members emphasized that human trafficking is more common than many believe, with some cases occurring entirely online through platforms like OnlyFans. Other victims may be exploited in forced labor, including childcare, landscaping, and other services under the threat of deportation, threats to family and blackmail with compromising images or information. The training also debunked common myths, highlighting the importance of vigilance and compassion when encountering suspected trafficking situations.

Attendees were reminded that law enforcement intervention is not always required for victims seeking help, and immigration authorities are not contacted unless an active detainer is in place. The Task Force's primary mission is to protect and rescue victims, ensuring their safety and providing resources for recovery.

This partnership between North Chicago and the Human Trafficking Task Force reflects a shared commitment to addressing this critical issue and equipping local employees with the tools to make a difference in their daily interactions.

MCC offering a Transfer Fair on Feb. 19

Learn how McHenry County College offers guaranteed admission agreements with more than 20 colleges and universities at their upcoming Transfer Fair on Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Twenty-one colleges and

universities will have tables at the event. Come learn more about education opportunities, and learn more about MCC's new University Center, which partners with four universities offering the ability to earn a four-year degree in McHenry County.

The event takes place in Building B of the college at 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake.

To learn more about the Transfer Fair and University Center visit <https://www.mchenry.edu/events/2025/02/uc-fair-02-19.html>.

Conservation district events

Candlelight Ski and Hike

Friday, Feb. 7 & Saturday, Feb. 8, 5-9 p.m., drop in, Coral Woods Conservation Area, Marengo.

Don't miss the last Candlelight Ski/Hike of the season! Trails will be groomed for skiing if there is 4" of snow or more (but you must bring your own skis). If there is not enough snow, or you prefer to walk, we welcome walkers also! No pets please. All ages welcome. No registration required.

the site and enjoy some tea and water. Blankets, pads and camp stools are provided if you need them. If you have your own feel free to bring them. Ages 18+.

Fresh Air, Fresh Minds: The Outdoor Advantage

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7-8 p.m. Online program.

Calling all parents and teachers! Playing in nature offers a wide range of benefits for children, supporting their physical, mental, social, and emotional development. Join us on Zoom as we learn about what the research says on what nature provides for children when they play outside. Ages 14+

Explore frog ecology and anatomy in a lab-like scenario, while learning about frog species found in McHenry County. Ages 11+.

Primitive Sports: Archery and Tomahawk Throw

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake.

Test your primitive outdoor survival skills and try your hand at shooting archery and throwing tomahawks. Ages 7+.

For more information or to sign up for programs please visit the McHenry County Conservation District website at MCCDistrict.org.

Natural Valentine

Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Do you need a Valentine's Day gift idea? Have your family's picture taken outdoors in beautiful Glacial Park and then make a "natural" picture frame to complete your Valentine's Day gift. All ages.

Discovery Days: Love is in the Air

Friday, Feb. 14, 10-11 a.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Enjoy a morning of fun and educational activities focused on our special theme of the day. Games, lessons, and other hands-on experiences help participants explore our conservation areas. Program content is appropriate for ages 2-6.

Stories and Explore: Frozen Waters

Monday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to noon, Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake.

Enjoy stories about life under frozen water while relaxing indoors. Bring a blanket or a pillow to relax on while you listen to the stories. Ages 2-6.

Frog Ecology and Dissection

Monday, Feb. 17, 1-3 p.m., Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park, Ringwood.

Winter Sowing

Saturday, Feb. 8, 1-2 p.m., Prairieview Education Center, Crystal Lake.

Winter sowing is a low maintenance seed starting process. We will go step-by-step and create gallon jug greenhouses. We have MCCD native seeds for you to choose to sow and we will supply the soil, tools, tape and plant markers. Please bring one clean gallon jug to use during the program. All ages.

Forest Bathing

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 3-4:30 p.m., Fel-Pro RRR East, main entrance, Cary.

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Vehicle crashes into Rivalry

On January 30 at 8:10 a.m., the Antioch Police Department responded to a vehicle that crashed into The Rivalry Ale House, 945 Main St., Antioch. The building incurred significant damage; the driver, a 43-year-old Antioch resident, was not injured. The driver informed police that she pulled her 2006 Volvo into the parking lot to clear ice from her windshield. The driver thought the vehicle was in park; however, the vehicle accelerated and crashed into the south side of the building. The driver was issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no valid registration, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Lake County Sheriff's arrest bulletin

The Lake County Sheriff's Dept. reported the following arrests in Lake County. Suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 6
Sarah Lynn Miller, 36, Sa-

lem Lakes, WI, was cited for DUI – alcohol, and attempt possession of cocaine; Kledis Memishi, 39, DesPlaines, was cited for operating a commercial vehicle without a commercial driver's license;

Jan. 8
William E. Knight, 42, Crystal Lake, was cited for driving while license suspended;

Axel A. Santiago-Zepeda, 24, Round Lake Beach, was cited for reckless driving, driving while license revoked and no insurance;

Stephen Grembla, 56, Lake Villa, was cited for aggravated DUI – alcohol;

Jan. 9
Shiane Carter, 26, Antioch, was cited for a warrant arrest: unlawful possession of a controlled substance;

Jan. 10
Dino Acquaviva, 51, Buffalo Grove, was cited for a warrant arrest: disorderly conduct, and obstructing a peace officer;

Jessica D. Willemarck, 35, Twin Lakes, WI, was cited for disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property;

Jacob M. Prizer, 67, Highland Park, was cited for battery and disorderly conduct;

Quentin B. Carter, 40, Waukegan, was cited for aggravated DUI – alcohol, and driving while license revoked;

Julius D. White, 40, Gurnee, was cited for aggravated DUI – alcohol, driving while license suspended and no insurance.



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Pet of the week

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Above: Robin Hill, exhibition and design manager, left, and Steve Furnett, right, exhibitions and collection manager at the Dunn Museum, discuss a new exhibit with Alex Ross' manager, Sal Abbinanti. The museum is expanding this summer to include a new gallery for larger special exhibitions.



Alex Ross' Portraits of Heroes & Villains to debut at Dunn Museum expansion

The Dunn Museum, operated by the Lake County Forest Preserves, is expanding to include a new gallery for larger special exhibitions. The inaugural exhibit will feature the work of renowned comic book artist Alex Ross, whose art has captivated audiences worldwide.

The idea for the expansion ties back to Alex Ross' first exhibition at the Libertyville museum, "Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross," held about five years ago. Often called the "Norman Rockwell of comics," Ross—who lives locally—was thrilled by the show's success, which introduced a whole new audience to the Dunn Museum.

Museum staff maintained a strong connection with Ross' management team and learned about a project at Marvel's New York headquarters. It featured life-size portraits of iconic heroes and villains displayed on a prominent, high-visibility wall.

Inspired by the concept, museum staff wondered if it could be replicated at the Dunn Museum. Ross was on board with the idea but pointed out that additional space would be required to properly showcase the life-size portraits of his superheroes and supervillains.

"We've discussed ways to utilize unused museum space for some time," said Steve Furnett, exhibitions and collections manager. "When the opportunity to showcase this Alex Ross concept came up, it became clear we needed additional room to make it happen. Things fell into place and Alex Ross: Portraits of Heroes & Villains special exhibition will run in the

expanded gallery space when we open this summer."

"We are beyond excited to open the new gallery showcasing Alex Ross' original artwork," said Director of Education Alyssa Firkus. "Visitors will experience more than 100 pieces, and three life-size murals putting Marvel and DC heroes and villains front and center."

Ross said he felt the figures would be far more striking if they were life-size, allowing people to stand beside them and feel as if they were in the company of real characters. He also plans to create two new portraits that will be unveiled at the opening of the exhibition and exclusively displayed at the Dunn Museum.

The new 3,000-square-foot exhibition space will be separate from the existing Museum yet remains under the same roof. It's much bigger than the existing temporary exhibit space, enabling the Dunn Museum to host larger exhibitions in the future.

Access to the Alex Ross exhibition will require a separate admission fee. All proceeds will benefit the endowment campaign led by the Preservation Foundation, the Forest Preserves' charitable partner.

"Expansion of the Dunn Museum is part of the Forest Preserves continued commitment to sharing the entwined stories of people, place and nature," said Forest Preserves President Jessica Vealitzek. As one of only 3% of American museums with national accreditation, the Museum is dedicated to preserving a rich collection of Lake County history.

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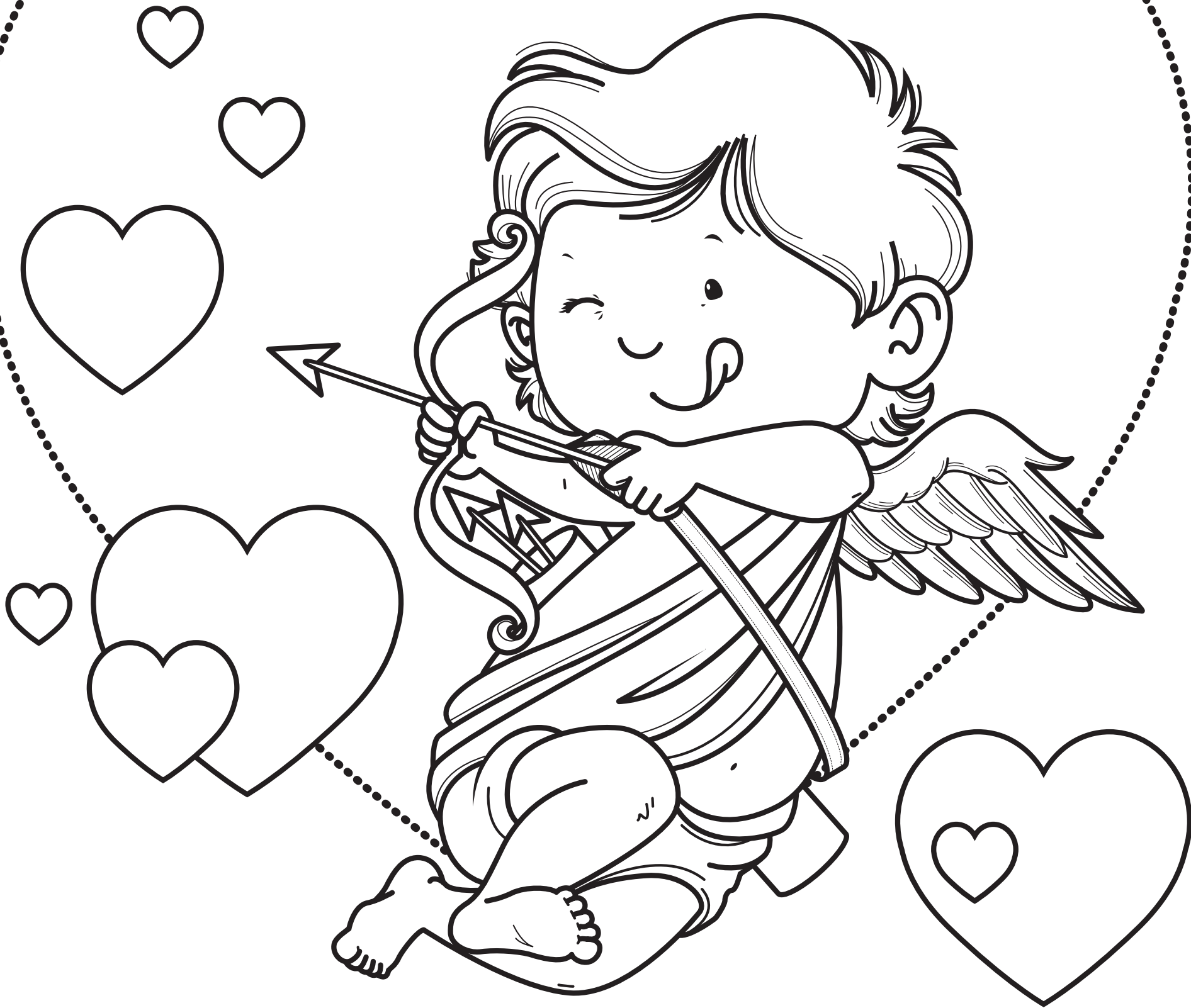
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Court & crime news

Man found guilty of seven counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a child

The McHenry County State's Attorney's Office announces that James P. Schlight, 69, of Ashland, Oregon, was



James P. Schlight

found guilty of seven counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse of a Child by the Honorable Judge Mark R. Gerhardt. The matter is now scheduled for a Sentencing Hearing on March 14, 2025.

Schlight, a long-time resident of Oregon, would visit

friends in Port Barrington multiple times between 2014 and 2018. During his visits, Schlight inappropriately touched a young girl repeatedly when she was between the ages of six and ten. At trial, prosecutors presented the testimony from the young victim, members of her family, along with corroborating evidence, all of which the judge stated to be credible in arriving at his determination.

Prior to the March 14 sentencing hearing, Schlight must obtain a sex-offender evaluation. Class 2 felonies come with a sentencing term of between two and five years

in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Based on the nature of the charges for which he was found guilty, Schlight will also be required to register as a sex offender as part of the sentencing terms.

McHenry County State's Attorney Randi Freese commends all those involved in bringing Schlight to justice. Ms. Freese would like to especially recognize the victim for her bravery and courage to speak out, even though years had passed, to report these offenses. The State's Attorney also thanks the members of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office

for their investigative efforts and congratulates Assistant State's Attorneys Ashur Y. Youash and Justin Neubauer for their successful prosecution of this case.

Reinhard sentenced for predatory criminal assault of a child

The McHenry County State's Attorney's Office announces that Jason Reinhard, 39, of Woodstock, Illinois, was sentenced to twenty-five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child,

a Class X felony, and Criminal Sexual Assault, a Class 1 felony. Reinhard was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Mark R. Gerhardt on January 29.

In October of 2022, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) referred a report of child abuse to the Woodstock Police Department. Based on the report, a victim sensitive interview was conducted at



Jason Reinhard

the Child Advocacy Center, where the victim revealed specific details of her abuse. It was revealed that Reinhard and his girlfriend provided illicit drugs to the victim. Once the victim was under the influence of the substances, they would sexually assault her.

McHenry County State's Attorney Randi Freese thanks and commends Detective Adam Fischer of the Woodstock Police Department for his investigative efforts on this case. This case was successfully prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Elizabeth M. Vonau.

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