

Man sentenced to 40 years for child porn, molestation

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A Coffee Springs man received a 40-year prison sentence for molesting a 7-year-old girl.

Assistant Geneva County District Attorney Stephen Smith said Quintin Leon Stokes received the prison sentence from Circuit Court Judge P.B. McLauchlin.

Smith said Stokes received a 40-year sentence for each of the felony first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy charges he had pleaded guilty to earlier



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this year. Stokes was also sentenced to 30 years in prison for the production of child pornography and an additional 10 years the possession of child pornography. But Smith said all four sentences were to be served concurrently with the 40-year sentence.

Court records say Stokes was arrested October 2009, and he pleaded guilty to the charges in March 2010. A felony sex abuse of a child younger than the age of 12 charge was dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Smith said according to state statute Stokes would serve the entire sentence in prison without early release because the victim was younger than 12. He said the sexual assaults first started

in 2003.

"Our goal is always to protect the community and make sure predators like him are never able to harm another child," Smith said. "He will be 90 years old when he gets out of prison; hopefully, that will probably do it."

Attorney Tommy Scarborough, who represented Stokes, said he asked the court for a 20- to 22-year prison sentence, which is what he said were similar sentences of other cases he had worked.

"He had no prior felonies, and he had no prior arrests whatsoever," Scarborough said. "I asked for that, and I respect the judge's decision that he gave 40 years."