

Ozark man gets 20 years for molesting 5-year-old

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An Ozark man received a 20-year prison sentence Monday after he pleaded guilty to the sodomy and sex abuse of a 5-year-old girl.

Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams said Earl L. Ammons pleaded guilty to felony first-degree sodomy and felony sex abuse of a child less than 12 years old. Ammons received a 20-year sentence for each of the charges, which were to be served concurrently for one 20-year sentence. Ammons pleaded guilty in front of

Circuit Court Judge Kimberly Clark at the Dale County Courthouse in Ozark.



Ammons

Adams said the 67-year-old Ammons will have to serve the 20-year sentence day-for-day in prison.

"There's no early exit for these offenses because of the age of the child," Adams said. "The law states because the child was under the age of 12 and he committed a class A or B felony, he is not eligible for probation, split sentence

or early parole."

As part of the guilty plea, two other charges — first-degree rape and sex abuse — were dismissed.

Ozark police arrested Ammons in June and charged him with the four felony sexual assault charges.

Court records show police charged Ammons with the rape and sodomy of a 5-year-old girl only five days before her sixth birthday.

Court records show the court ordered Ammons to turn himself in to the Dale County Jail by 3 p.m. Wednesday to serve out his prison sentence.