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McHENRY COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 280 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ENTICING 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

CHICAGO – A McHenry County man was sentenced to more than 23 years in prison for enticing a 13-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity after he lured her to meet him at a park in Carol Stream in 2007, federal law enforcement officials announced today. **Marcus Tyms**, 25, formerly of Union, Ill., was sentenced to 280 months in federal prison, with 10 years of that sentence being imposed because Tyms was a registered sex-offender when he committed the crime.

Tyms was sentenced July 2 by U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur in Federal Court in Chicago, said Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

According to court documents, in September 2007, just hours after he re-registered as a sex-offender for a 2005 conviction for indecent solicitation of a child, Tyms was arrested after he met the victim at a park intending to have sex, hit her when she had last-minute doubts, and abandoned her when observed by Carol Stream police who arrested him. Tyms had met the victim on an online chat service and was in contact with her for approximately three months leading up to their meeting and his arrest, and he had induced her to exchange sexually explicit photographs in the days just before then.

Tyms was indicted in July 2008 for producing child pornography and transferring obscene matter to a minor, in addition to the enticement count, to which he pleaded guilty last December. Judge Shadur sentenced Tyms to 160 months on the enticement count and imposed a mandatory consecutive 10-year prison term for committing the crime while being a registered sex-offender. He also imposed five years of supervised release and a \$10,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Carol Stream Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, which initially brought charges, later referred the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office for federal prosecution.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephen Lee and Julie Ruder.

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