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Janesville, WI – The Rock County District Attorney's Office announced that Matthew M. Hatch, age 46, was found guilty of second degree sexual assault of a child on September 19, 2022, in Rock County Case 2021CF1048. Hatch was convicted for the sexual assault of a child under the age of 16 over the span of several years in the Village of Clinton, Rock County, Wisconsin.

At the sentencing hearing held on December 9, 2022, Mr. Hatch was sentenced to 33 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System; comprised of 18 years of initial confinement followed by 15 years extended supervision and was ordered to comply with the sex offender registry for life. This case highlights how, with the help of brave victims who come forward to report abuse and law enforcement's commitment to thoroughly investigate such allegations, the District Attorney will continue to hold offenders accountable for the harm caused to children. Assistant District Attorney Alex Goulart prosecuted the case for the State of Wisconsin.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Rock County Child Protective Services and Clinton Police Department in conducting the initial investigation into Mr. Hatch's criminal conduct. Our office would also like to recognize Rock County Victim Witness Coordinator, Andrea Ehret, for providing assistance to both the victims and witnesses in this case.