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(Neb.)-James Savery Sentenced In Child Sexual Assault Case



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(Chadron)-A somber court room was visible on Tuesday morning, March 19th, as James "Jim" Savery was back in the Dawes County District Court for sentencing.

Savery was arrested back in May of 2012 and charged with four different counts of First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. The charges were stemming from an investigation conducted by the Chadron Police Department prior to Savery's arrest.

On February 4th, 2013, Savery pleaded no contest to all counts against him and a plea agreement was reached between the prosecution and defense, with sentencing set for March 19th.

Two counts of First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child were dropped, and one count of Visual Depiction of Sexually Explicit Conduct was added to the charges.

Both the prosecution and defense along with Savery himself delivered statements Tuesday morning just prior to District Judge Travis O'Gorman's ruling.

After hearing closing remarks, Judge O'Gorman handed out sentences for each of the three charges as follows. On count one of First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child he ordered Savery to serve no less than 20 years in prison and no more than 30 years in prison granting the 308 days served prior as time served. On count two of First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child and count three of Visual Depiction of Sexually Explicit Conduct, Savery was sentenced to no less than 20 years in prison and no more than 30 years in prison.

All sentences are to be served consecutively, which means one after the other. A motion is expected to be filed to appeal the sentencing. Savery will be eligible for parole in 31 and a half years.