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Bloomington Woman Sentenced to 95 Years After Sexual Assault Investigation

Bloomington, IL - On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, Sarah Troutwine (Howard) was sentenced to 95 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections following a 2024 child pornography and sexual assault investigation.

On August 29, 2024, after an investigation by the Bloomington Police Department's (BPD) Cyber Crimes Unit, Troutwine was arrested on 19 counts of various sexually related offenses. The investigation began when a technology company made a report, to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, regarding the uploading and sharing of videos believed to be child sex abuse material.

Detectives with the BPD Criminal Investigations Division executed several search warrants in connection with the case. Evidence was recovered of Troutwine sexually assaulting a child and engaging in sexual acts with an animal. Additional evidence of child pornography was also located. A warrant was issued for Troutwine's arrest. Members of the BPD Street Crimes Unit located and arrested Troutwine without incident.

In May 2025, Troutwine pleaded guilty to two counts predatory criminal sexual assault and one count of child pornography production. She was sentenced to a total of 95 years in prison. All three counts of this sentence will be served consecutively. Troutwine will be eligible for parole in the year 2100.

- Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault - 40 years (must serve 85%)
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- Child Pornography Production - 15 years (must serve 50%)

"The conduct this criminal investigation unveiled was substantial. The judge's sentencing sends an impactful message to our community that this type of dangerous behavior will not be tolerated," stated Chief Jamal Simington. "From the initial investigation through the prosecutorial process, I commend the diligent efforts of all who made our city safer. Although the work of our officers is hard, laborious, and stressful, we seek to bring justice to victims and protect those who are not able to protect themselves from harm."

The BPD is an active member of the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which

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investigates child exploitation crimes and provides training to law enforcement agencies. BPD receives CyberTips, or online reports of child pornography, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Bloomington Police Department remains committed to investigating cases of child sexual exploitation occurring over the internet.

If you believe you or someone you know is a victim, you can submit a tip at <https://report.cybertip.org/>.



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If you wish to submit a crime tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963 or email CIAU@cityblm.org. You can also text the number 847411 by texting the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information.

The tip line is not monitored 24/7. The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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